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## REPORT ON CATALINA CRASH

### Confirms Theory Of Armed Attack On Crew

#### RECOMMENDATION BY MR. MOSS

An official report by Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Inspector of Accidents and Director of Civil Aviation, yesterday confirmed the theory that an armed attack on the crew of a Cathay Pacific Airways' Catalina flying boat caused it to crash on July 16 near Macao.

The report added that three bullets and two exploded shell cases were found in the wreckage of the aircraft. In addition, the Macao police authorities have obtained evidence that the crew of the flying boat were attacked by certain passengers shortly after the plane left Macao on its return flight to Hong Kong.

Twenty-six people were killed in the crash, including Captain D. W. Cramer, pilot, Mr. K. S. McDuff, First Officer, Miss D. da Costa, Flight Hostess, and Mr. R. L. Frost, Traffic Manager of CPA.

There was only one survivor, Wong Yu, who, according to the Macao police, has confessed his part in the air piracy attempt.

After dealing with the circumstances of the disaster and giving details of the weather conditions on the day of the tragedy, the report by Mr. Moss continued:

The aircraft was a Consolidated PB55 manufactured by Canadian Vickers Limited (Canada) and was purchased by Cathay Pacific Airways in September 1947, from the United States Air Force Federal Liquidation Commission in the Philippines.

The aircraft was flown from the Philippines to Hong Kong and there converted to a passenger-carrying aircraft. This conversion was carried out between October 2, 1947 and November 20, 1947. Up to the time of purchase the time in the air was shown as 993 hours, 20 minutes, since new.

The conversion was completed and a Certificate of Airworthiness for two months pending the installation of fireproof bulkheads, issued by the Department of Civil Aviation, Hong Kong. The date of issue being December 5, 1947. The aircraft was subsequently tested and flown the same day and passed fit for flight service. The Certificate of Registration was also issued on December 5, 1947.

#### Engines Removed

After the aircraft had flown for 145 hours, 55 minutes both engines were removed and 18 gauge stainless steel panels fitted over the existing bulkheads as required by rule No. 7C of the Inspection Handbook for C.A.A. requirements. After completion the Certificate of Airworthiness was renewed on February 8, 1948 and valid for passenger carrying service. The number of the Certificate of Airworthiness was No. 26.

On April 12, 1948 both engines were removed and replaced by reconditioned engines. The aircraft had then flown 300 hours, 25 minutes since conversion and 104 hours 30 minutes since renewal of Certificate of Airworthiness on February 8, 1948. The replacement of the engines took place in the period April 12-April 15 1948. From February 8, until the morning of the accident the time in the air of the aircraft since conversion was 602 hours 30 minutes. The aircraft log book shows that no major faults had been encountered throughout this period.

The aircraft at the time of the accident was on charter to the Macao Air Transport Company, Limited, Macao and first comm-

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#### Categorical Denial

Belfast, August 15.  
Prime Minister Sir Basil Brooke issued a statement today denying rumours that steps to bring about a union of Northern Ireland and Eire are to be taken soon.

Speculation was intensified by the announcement that British Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee will visit Northern Ireland on Monday.

"Mr. Attlee and his colleagues in the United Kingdom Government are fully aware of Ulster's attitude on the constitutional question," Sir Basil's statement said.

"They know we are irrevocably opposed to union with Eire. Mr. Attlee and I will be meeting as private individuals and good friends."

—Associated Press.

#### Hit And Run Driver Kills Boy

A five-year-old boy, Yuen Tung, was fatally injured by a hit and run driver at the junction of Boundary Street and Yu Chau Street at approximately 12.50 p.m. yesterday.

According to a police report, the boy was knocked down by lorry 6880. The driver did not stop after the accident and has since disappeared. The vehicle was later discovered in the garage of the owner.

The boy died on the way to the Kowloon Hospital.

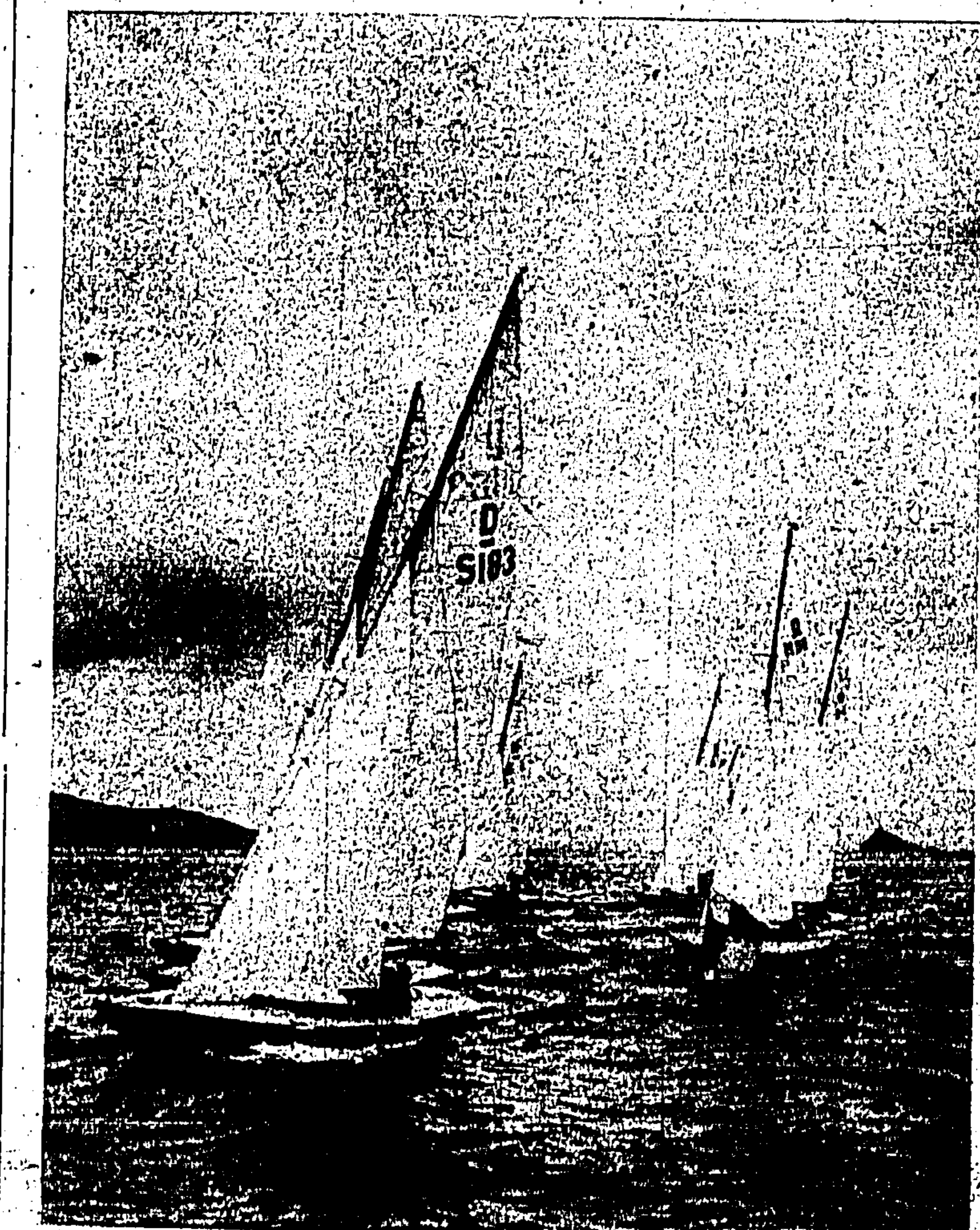
## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR COLONY URGED

A suggestion that Hong Kong should follow the example of other big cities by supporting a full time symphony orchestra in the Colony was made at a recent meeting of the Sino-British Club.

At the meeting a talk on "The Symphony Orchestra" was given by Mr. S. Bhard. Dr. Bard said that a modern symphony orchestra consisted of four well-defined sections—the strings, the woodwinds, the brass, and the percussion. He traced the development of the orchestra from a time when it was represented by a few primitive string and reed instruments; its early dependence on voice; and its gradual assertion of its independence.

He described how consolidation and balance of the orchestra was gradually achieved through the works of Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Wagner and other great composers until it reached the present state of proficiency and dynamic power. It could now, in the words of Sir Henry Wood, "inspire music that would be a wonder of colour."

The speaker described the various sections of the orchestra, how, while preserving their own individuality, they yet formed parts of a smoothly running ensemble, making up as it were a composite instrument, through the medium of which the conductor interpreted the composer's work.



MOST SPECTACULAR of all the Olympic events were the yachting races at Torquay. Start of one of the Dragon Class events is pictured below, with the Swedish entry, which finished second, getting away first.—AP Photo.

## Hong Kong Ruled Out As Site For Anti-KMT Talks

Shanghai, August 16.  
The coalition of anti-Kuomintang forces have ruled out Hong Kong as a possible site for the meeting of Chinese Reds and other Leftist organisations planning to hold a "political consultative conference."

The Far Eastern Bulletin, the mimeographed organ of the dissident groups in Hong Kong, which professes to speak for all groups seeking the downfall of the Chiang Kai-shek Government, in the last issue took note of speculation over where the anti-Kuomintang campaign would be plotted.

The Bulletin said: "After interviewing responsible leaders of the various Chinese Democratic parties and groups who are residing in Hong Kong, the Far Eastern Bulletin is able to report that speculation circulated by some foreign correspondents in China about Hong Kong as a possible place to hold a multi-party political consultative conference is completely unfounded."

"None of the parties which responded to the Chinese Communist Party's radio appeal favouring Hong Kong as a site of the planned meeting, it is authoritatively learned, the Bulletin continued."

Dr. Bard expressed the hope that Hong Kong might follow the example of other big cities by supporting a full time symphony orchestra. To raise the cultural standard of the Colony, the Government, aided by public spirit, might be persuaded to take active steps towards a realization of this project. He suggested that it might be possible to invite to the Colony the former Shanghai Municipal Orchestra, which was not at present on a permanent contract. The Sino-British Club Symphony Orchestra, he said, has been struggling hard to keep going. More players and instruments were urgently needed.

#### STRATEGIC RAW MATERIALS

Paris, August 15.  
A United States mission to negotiate for a supply of French strategic raw materials to the United States is en route for the Far East, the Marshall Islands arrived today at Oahu, Airport.

#### Brazilian Tribute To Gandhi

Rio de Janeiro, August 15.  
The name of Mahatma Gandhi was given today to one of the Brazilian capital's main squares in a re-naming ceremony commemorating the first anniversary of India's independence.

The square had formerly been named after Getulio Vargas, one-time dictator of Brazil. General Angelo de Moraes, who opened the ceremony in the presence of Mr. J. M. de Moraes, India's First Minister to Brazil, the staff of the Indian Legation and British and other foreign representatives, described the occasion as "Brazil's sincere homage to Gandhi's memory."

—Reuter

## Predicts Her Own Death

Verona, August 15.  
The police had to keep order today among thousands of visitors to Miss Alfonsina Ghini, 28, allegedly the bearer of "stigmata" who predicted her own death for tonight in her native hamlet of Raldon near here.

Among the visitors was a group of doctors who want to study the phenomenon presented by Miss Ghini's hands which show a lacinated tissue and bleed from time to time. "The populace is already calling her 'Santa' and her family has prepared a white shroud sprinkled with golden stars to wrap her body. Both Miss Ghini and her family await her death serenely as an absolute certainty shortly after midnight, the end of the day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary."

## Women Talk To Governor On Hotel Charges

Dissatisfied with the progress being made in bringing down the rates charged by the various hotels, in which they are housed, some 200 European women sent a deputation to interview the Governor yesterday.

Mrs. Van der Velde, wife of a Chinese Maritime Customs official, and one of the two women elected to see Sir Alexander Grantham, entered Government House at 11 a.m. and left at 12.45 p.m.

#### Boarding Houses Under Control

Private residences taking in paying guests are also governed by the Price Control (Hotels) (Control of Charges) Regulations, it was officially stated yesterday.

The statement explains that a hotel includes boarding house and every place where any person is lodged for any kind of rent, hire or reward. It does not include places where neither furniture nor service is provided.

Owners or operators of such establishments have been advised to submit to the authorities concerned floor plans showing room numbers, rates charged for rooms, and particulars of the amenities and services included in the rates.

She told the "China Mail" later that she explained to the Governor the conditions in which many women were living and cited cases of how little was left of their income after paying the high rates charged by the hotels. She also asked the Governor to expedite the work of the Hotel Rates Committee to bring about a reduction in hotel rates as early as possible.

#### Governor's Reply

According to Mrs. Van der Velde, the Governor replied that the work of the Hotel Rates Committee was not expected to be completed in less than a month. The work might take three months, he added.

Sir Alexander, said Mrs. Van der Velde, also suggested that if the women concerned were not satisfied with the progress the Hotel Residents Association was making, they could form their own organization and send their representatives to see Mr. S.N. Chau, Chairman of the Hotel Rates Committee.

#### Lower Incomes

The women concerned are wives of the lower income Europeans in Hong Kong. Some are wives of Royal Naval officers, Chinese Marine Customs officials and of officers of commercial vessels.

Most of them have children. Because of the high hotel rates, some families have not been able to afford more than a single room each. In some hotels, single rooms are shared by two families.

#### PLOT TO BLOW UP EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT

Venice, August 16.  
A plot to blow up two new Egyptian aircraft carrying high Egyptian personalities was foiled at Venice airport yesterday, the police disclosed today.

Five cases of high explosives were found in the fuselage and wings of the plane to be used on the Rome-Cairo service. High government and company officials including Prince Soliman Nabila, King Farouk's cousin, were to depart on the maiden flight of a four-engined Savoia Marchetti 95 and a Fiat 212 or the Egyptian Airlines.

The explosives were discovered by a mechanic yesterday stuck under the fuselage, camouflaged with tinsel paper and connected with a fuse to the motors in the four-engined Savoia Marchetti.

Another two such cases were found in the wings of the Fiat 212. Bomb disposal crews of the Italian Artillery removed the explosives.

Experts said the explosives were placed and connected to go off shortly after the planes took off. Each box contained three kilograms of explosives.

Police said it was the work of foreign terrorists.—United Press

#### The Weather

At 0800 GMT (8 p.m. Hong Kong time) a small depression centred between Luzon and Formosa appears to be intensifying. Probable movement west. It is part of a trough stretching from the Gulf of Tonkin to the Bonins. Pressure is also low over Central China but remains high E. of Japan.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds, clear, apart from isolated afternoon showers.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 30.7 deg. Fah. Minimum: 20.3 deg. Fah. Rainfall: 8.8 mm.—0.3 in. Total since Jan. 1—153.7 mm.—6.01 in. as against an average of 122.4 mm.—4.81 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 1004.8 1001.9 m.b. Equals 30.68 29.77 inches. Bar. Humidity 77 77 % Dew Point 21 51 deg. F. Wind Direction 2 E. NW Wind Force 4 1 knots Tide—Time High 0642 7.1 Low 2312 4.5

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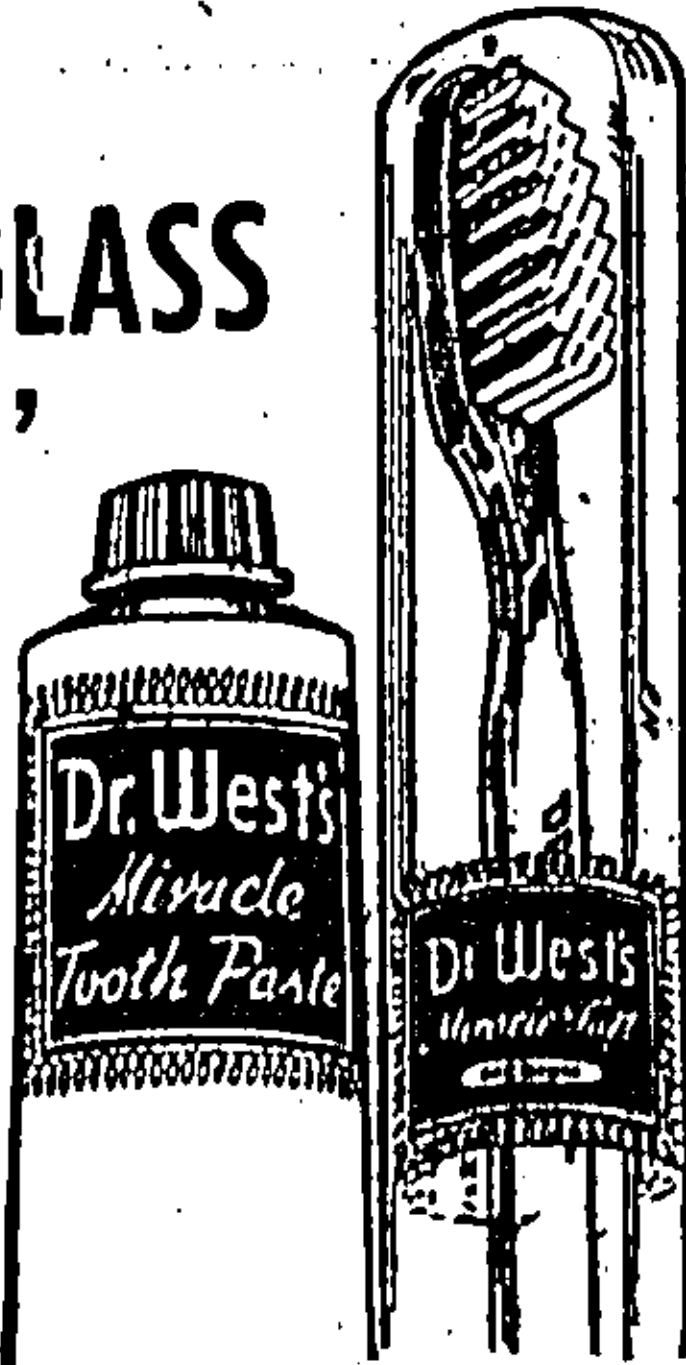




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## COUNSEL COMPLAIN ABOUT PROSECUTION APPROACH TO CLIENTS

A vigorous protest against the prosecution interviewing two of the three defendants during the last adjournment was voiced by Mr. A. J. Clifford and Mr. A. S. K. Lau at the resumed hearing of the charge of carnal knowledge against Lui Po at Kowloon yesterday. Mr. Lau, representing Wong Sze (concubine) and Li Ying alias Ho Koo (widow), said that since the court adjourned on August 11, Mr. A. C. Tribble, Acting Assistant Social Welfare Officer, went to see his clients on three or four occasions.

Describing these interviews, made while the case was still sub judice, as highly irregular, Mr. Lau said that it was tantamount to interference with and intimidation of witnesses, and submitted that the case should be thrown out of court, unless Mr. Tribble could give an explanation for his action. Mr. Tribble said that he did go to see the second and third accused but only to ask whether they had any reply from Mr. Lau regarding the magistrate's decision on counsel's submission that he had no case to answer.

### Questions

He further asked them, he said, whether they were prepared to appear as witnesses for the prosecution should their case be dismissed and they be discharged. Mr. Lau: You asked them whether they had any reply from me? Mr. Tribble: Yes. Why should you ask them that? That's privileged, Mr. Tribble. Mr. Clifford, for Yiu Po, said that the women were scared out of their wits by the visits from the Crown at that stage of the proceedings. He might be calling them as witnesses for his client but, being frightened, they might be prejudiced.

Mr. Lau never heard a prosecuting officer adopting such an attitude. It is the most extraordinary thing to do. I have been rather firm during the hearing of this case that Mr. Tribble should consult someone before he takes any step. Apparently, it had never occurred to him to use the telephone to consult anyone as he has been taking one novel step after another. There is apparently no end to it.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, the magistrate, said that he would make a note of both counsel's submissions and protests.

### The Charge

Yiu Po, 38-year-old manager of the Good Earth Co., is being charged with carnal knowledge of Wong Nui, a girl allegedly under 16 years of age, at the Sun Sun Hotel and at Nullich Road between December 25, 1947 and February 1st, 1948. He is charged by Mr. Clifford, instructed by Mr. A. C. Sutherland.

Wong Sze, 49 years, concubine, and Li Ying, 42-year-old widow, are charged with procuring Wong Nui on December 25 last. They are represented by Mr. Lau. Mr. Blair-Kerr reserved judgment until the morning of August 21.

Sub-inspector A. Morrison, called by the defence, testified to the writing on the hotel slip being different from the specimen he took from Yiu Po.

During the course of his cross-examination by Mr. Tribble, Yiu Po categorically denied having been asked for cakes, pork, wine and chicken, as well as \$1,000 mentioned earlier in the proceedings, as dowry for Wong Nui. He

denied having agreed to pay the \$1,000 on certain conditions, or having handed that sum to Wong Nui, as alleged.

### "Lucky Money"

Defendant further denied having paid \$100 to Yung Chan to buy clothes for complainant. He did not give his business card to Wong Sze nor did he give \$100 "lucky money" to Li Ying. He disagreed with the prosecution that he had visited Wong Nui at 28 Nullich Road, and that his wife went there later and drove the girl out. He had never seen a night out of his own home during the period in question, he said.

Li Ying, who said she had been Yiu Po's amah for two years, said that her master had never been home later than 10 p.m. in the nights, neither did he ever spend a night out of the house. As far as she was aware, she and defendant and his wife were a very happy couple, and Yiu was home every evening from 7 p.m. during the period in question as his wife was then pregnant.

### Over-Ruled

Mr. Lau, whose submission of no case to answer was over-ruled by the court, said that he did not intend to call any witnesses nor to put any evidence in the box. He still contended, he said, that on the evidence of the girl, he had no case to answer.

In order to prove its case, the Crown had to prove that there was procuring for an unlawful carnal connection of the girl, and that defendant had done so. When Chan pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, to the charge of keeping a boarding house for prostitutes, Inspector J. Oran said that the place was a well-known one.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

## CHINA'S MONEY TANGLE How, When Will It Be Unravelling?

### 4 Charges Against Accountant

J. G. Gardner, aged 61, Chief Accountant of Messrs. K. A. Kachalia and Company, National City Bank Building, was before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday on four charges by three different complainants.

Owing to Mr. Gardner, counsel for the defence, not being able to be present, the hearing was adjourned to the morning of August 18.

The charges to which Gardner will have to answer are: Evading the payment of tax of \$12.00 on August 14, the complainant being Wong Shiu-ying, taxi-driver.

Disorderly conduct at 11.45 p.m. on August 14 and misbehaving at Central Police Station. Inspector Simpson is the complainant on these two charges.

Another charge of disorderly conduct was brought by Detective Inspector Stewart.

Gardner is released on \$750 bail.

### Broken Down House Used As Brothel

A broken down house at 140 Woosung Street, used as a brothel patronised mostly by Europeans, was raided by Inspector T. Collins just before midnight on Sunday.

Two Chinese girls were found on the ground floor, and they admitted to the police that they lived on the premises and paid a dollar commission, whenever either of them had an European client, to Chan Ying, 43-year-old widow.

Chan told Inspector Collins that she paid no rent for the premises, and admitted receiving a commission from the girls.

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### Loiterer's "Formidable Record"

Between September 1 and December 10, 1947, Yung Ah-ying, 37-year-old widow, was convicted five times for loitering. She was, on the last occasion, sentenced to a month's hard labour and, on the recommendation of the magistrate, banished for 10 years on January 20 this year.

At 2.35 a.m. yesterday she was arrested with Ho Ying, 26-year-old widow of 80 Hok Po Street, ground floor, by Inspector J. Collins at Nathan Road near Kanai Street.

Her "formidable record" was read to the court by Inspector J. Oran when she appeared later in the morning before Mr. W. H. Latimer charged with loitering and returning from banishment.

She was sentenced to 11 months' hard labour and recommended to be rehabilitated. Ho Ying, with a previous conviction, was bound over in the sum of \$50 for a year.

Ching Sui-king, aged 20, married woman, was removed to Queen Mary Hospital at noon yesterday suffering from impetigo. According to a police report, the woman jumped off a pier at Gloucester Road but was rescued by a member of the crew of a motor boat.

## US Loan Needed To Support New Money

Nanking, August 15.

A currency reform is now accepted by all China as urgent. The question is when and how. The problem has plagued the Chinese government since the end of the Japanese war. It was President Chiang Kai-shek who first broached the issuance of a new currency. He disclosed at a Kuomintang meeting last year that at the end of 1945 he wanted a currency reform with the government's US\$500,000,000 foreign exchange reserve as specie support. But his plan was shelved by the opposition of his financial advisers, he said.

Recently, the problem was again splashed into the Chinese political limelight, with the Chinese press carrying persistent reports that a new currency was included in Premier Wang Wen-ho's new financial measures, that it will be carried out following announcement of these measures, that the new notes have already been printed and that a currency loan from the United States was forthcoming.

These reports, however, were described by well-informed quarters as "premature and wishful thinking."

The United Press ascertained from competent official sources that the truth is the government is positively studying and preparing currency reform, but regards it as an impossibility in the foreseeable future, because two primary prerequisites have to be satisfied, namely: a United States loan to support the new currency and China's internal revenues must be increased and expenditures cut down to make possible a relatively balanced budget.

No Enthusiasm

These sources said the government last February applied to the United States for US\$500,000,000, but the United States State Department showed no enthusiasm. It is now accepted that American decision on the application depends on the outcome of the present ECA China aid programme.

Therefore as the United States holds the key to the solution for China's money tangle, it is extremely doubtful if anything can be done within the next six or even 12 months.

The importance of balancing the budget can be gleaned from Dr. T. V. Soong's resignation statement in February last year. He said: "The present economic crisis is a cumulative result of heavily unbalanced budgets carried through eight years of war and one year of illusory peace."

Recapture Sympathies

The consensus among competent foreign observers is that there is imperative need for the Kuomintang to recapture dramatically the waning sympathies of the common man which is contributing to the Communist success.

One diplomat suggested four main reforms for immediate application—apart from the army which, he said, should be "purged" of the older crust of corrupt generals.

First, officials known to be corrupt must go.

Secondly, taxation in kind should be alleviated to spare the small farmer from a heavy burden.

Thirdly, land reform: The chief barrier here is absentee landlordism and high rentals in kind. But the main Kuomintang support hitherto is derived from the class which would lose most by such a reform.

Fourthly, vigorous regional campaigns for self-government "from the bottom up," replacing the appointive system, which perpetuates the power of present magistrates and provincial and alien officials.

Decide On Measures

The Generalissimo's stay in Kuling may be designed to give him an opportunity to ponder on China's plight and decide on measures to defeat the Communists.

Top Kuomintang circles, however, reportedly feel that the United States could not afford to let China be swallowed by Communism. This implies that if the situation becomes bad enough, Washington would come to the Nationalist's rescue, with full aid including military direction of the Chinese armies in Greece.

But American official sources here privately pointed to the differences between China and Greece which would affect United States policy.

The former Viceroy was addressing a large gathering at the Albert Hall during celebrations in honour of the young Dominion's first anniversary. He said, "today we can look back on what India has achieved in the first year of her existence and the results are such as we can be proud of."

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## Rehearing Application Refused

An application by Mr. Peter H. Sin for the rehearing of a case of obtaining money by false pretences was refused by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The case concerned Tsang Kam-on, aged 61, who was sentenced by Mr. d'Almada on June 30 to a term of two years' imprisonment for having obtained a sum of \$1,000 from the Marine Department by fraud.

Mr. Sin said his application for a rehearing of the case was based on the ground that defendant when entering a plea of guilty, did so by mistake and furthermore he was terribly deaf.

The Magistrate said that he had a very good recollection of the case and remembered that defendant, in view of his deafness, was asked to go up to the interpreter's box. There the charge was explained to him about four times, and each time he pleaded guilty. Moreover, before sentence was passed on him, he was asked whether he had anything to say and he replied no.

In view of the above, the magistrate said he would refuse the application.

The Crown, represented by Mr. Hooten, said he strongly opposed the application and added that if such an application was allowed, there was no knowing how many other applications of a similar nature would be submitted.

Bona Fide Adoption

Mr. Sin then said he would ask for a review of the sentence and mentioned that he would produce witnesses to show and to prove the bona fide adoption of a boy by defendant.

Mr. d'Almada said that the evidence which Mr. Sin put forward would have to be evidence in mitigation and not evidence that would amount to a retrial.

After further submissions by counsel, the magistrate said he would reduce the sentence to 18 months.

The question of banishment was then put up by Mr. Sin, who informed the magistrate that defendant was born in the New Territories and therefore of Hong Kong birth.

The magistrate said that if defendant could substantiate his Hong Kong birth to the proper authorities, he would certainly not be banished.

## Prospective Nurses Sit Exam

Five hundred and fourteen girls for the Tung Wah Hospital Probationary Nurses Examination yesterday. Only 29 will be selected.

The examination papers were prepared by the Medical Superintendent of the three hospitals in the Tung Wah group and the three principal directors of the hospitals.

Some of the candidates brought reference and recommendation letters which were, however, ignored by the examiners.

## Theft Of Water Pipes

Convicted on two charges of larceny of water pipes, Hau Yee was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Oran said that defendant was seen on August 14 carrying a basket and some tools at a scavenging lane near Lok Road. They were followed to Jordan Road where they boarded a tricycle.

The following afternoon, accused was again seen by Ma Tui-pai, a roof dweller, climbing up to the roof of a house at Lok Road by means of the fire escape.

Ma told Li Lee who reported to the Water Police.

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# BAIL ALLOWED SPARY IF HE CAN FIND OTHER ACCOMMODATION

Bail in the sums of \$1,500 cash and \$1,000 surety would be granted to Austin Spary, 49-year-old Grade 1 electrical engineer of the Public Works Department, if the Quartering Officer could obtain alternative accommodation for him within 24 hours.

Should Chief Inspector J. Johnston be unable to arrange with the Quartering Officer for such accommodation, then Spary would be brought before Mr. J. Wicks again this morning for the question of bail to be further argued out between CI Johnston and Mr. P. J. Griffiths.

That was the ruling of the court when Spary was brought, with his five Chinese co-defendants, before Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on three charges of larceny, while employed as Government servants, of electrical materials belonging to the Government.

After CI Johnston had agreed to bail for Spary, on the clear understanding that defendant would vacate his quarters above Hung Hom workshop, Mr. J. M. d'Almeida, Registrar applied for bail for Kwok Kwong, 40-

## August Criminal Session

The August Criminal Session opens tomorrow when pleas will be taken in the following seven cases:

Hazara Singh, four counts of gross indecency.

Yuen Kwok, Lau Ming alias Kwok Wah alias Pin Tai Tsai, and Lau Chi-yu, robbery by two or more.

Wong Kwai alias Sit Yuen-kwai, robbery by two or more and possession of arms and ammunition.

Lo Nyan, armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition.

Fung Shu-yu, wounding with intent.

Tung Chi alias Chiu Chuen, Kwok Chun-wang alias Kwok Hing, and Ho Chiu alias Law Cheung, breach of deportation order.

Lam Kwong alias Sup Yat-yun, Wong Leung and Lam Wai-chau, uttering a letter demanding money with menaces; conspiracy to utter a letter demanding money with menaces, and possession of a letter demanding money with menaces.

A further two cases, adjourned from last session, will also come up for hearing:

Leung Wing and Leung Ngau, assault with intent to rob, and attempt to rob.

Lau Hui alias Lau Yuen-hoi and Ho Chiu-kui, two charges of armed robbery.

## Larceny Of Motor Bicycle

Nine months' imprisonment each to be followed by banishment, was imposed on So Chai, aged 28 and Li Chan, aged 25, residing at an unnumbered hut in Heibth Village, by Mr. P. N. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for the larceny of a motor bicycle.

In answer to their charges both defendants pleaded guilty.

Inspector Hu Hung Cheong said that on August 12, motor cycle No. 221, the property of Cheung Kim-kwong, was placed in the car park in Connaught Road Central. Early the next morning the cycle disappeared.

Inspector Hu and party searched the huts in Heibth Village and in a roofless hut and covered with gunny bags, the missing cycle was found with the headlight and various other parts missing.

## Reminders

**Today**  
H.K. Rotary Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.  
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild Meeting, 10 a.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.  
Lawn Bowls matches.

**Tomorrow**  
Swimming, Galt, Victoria Recreation Club, 10 a.m.

Toe H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Royal Air Forces Association Luncheon, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club, Lathoon, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, 12.30 p.m.

Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

## Concert By Light Orchestra

The Hong Kong Light Orchestra will give a concert at the Lee Theatre on September 7. It will be conducted by Mr. William Apps and supported by four solo artists. Mr. J. F. Gray will lead the Orchestra.

The night's programme of popular music will start off with the overture, "Marsello", followed by incidental music to the play, "Mousetrap", by the soloist, Anoretta Tanze, and three musical comedies.

The four soloists in the programme will be Edna De Carlo, well known ZBW pianist, William Copley, Harry Moody, and Reginald Ardy, 13-year-old soprano.

## Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. Wong Sik-cheung, two well-known Hong Kong residents, returned from a overseas holiday by ROAC "Speedbird" flying-boat during the week-end.

Others aboard the same aircraft were Mrs. H. Ross, Mrs. J. M. Lines and Mr. A.K. Malynn (from Southampton); Mr. A.R. d'Almeida and Mr. V.R. George (from Calcutta); Mrs. Pravat, Mrs. Lee Shuen, Mrs. Moel, Messrs. O.J. McGuinness, C.D. Hayland, Lee Fek, G.M. Ipokdlin, Chandu Lal Meel and Gurubaksh Singh (from Bangkok).

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Messrs. G.L. Kesteven, J.S. Matutano, J. Caballero, W. Duddell, St. John Perry, G.F. Martin, Edward Wou, O.R. Fitz, S.L. Conger, L. Calabria, A.R. Jones, W.B. Johnson, E.F. Madsen, Charles L. Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, John W. Rees, G.F. Martin, Captain and Mrs. J.S. McMahon, and Joseph Gournin.

Arrivals during the week-end at the Peninsula Hotel included Mrs. Eve Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Putney, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Bennett, Captain and Mrs. G.L. Kesteven, Mr. and Mrs. Ling, Messrs. W.W. Sullivan, W.C. Goin, M.I. Evans, C. Michael, C.D. Hyland, S.A. Shah, B.A. Dikit, S.T. Haldery, P.L. Sarma, M. Prasad, G.N. Harpujari, K.B. Yadu, S.C. Sane, Y.A. Oldham, J.S. Orsman, C. Nardi, J.W. Dickinson, and P.A. Allen.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. Donald George Kirkland, military officer, RASC Officers' Mess, Shumshulpo, and Miss Muriel Dorothy Lowe, of Langley, Shatin, New Territories.

Mr. Paul Lucvitch Ovsianin, koft mechanic, 181 Nathan Road, 2nd floor, and Miss Lucy Mary Winstanley, Melbourne Apartments, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

Messrs. H.M. Peterson, G.M. Goldsack, Lim Hio-hock, Jose Sy, Kiat Seng-sui, Sia Lo, Ang Long-say, Dr. Le, Dr. Ku, and Yap Tjong left by CPA yesterday for Manila.

Among the arrivals yesterday from Singapore, Bangkok and Manila by CPA were Messrs. C. Michael, Yoo Kim-kowat, Ong Set-koh, K.C. Khemlani, Tan Tou-tien and Chong Yung-Yoong.

Departures for Manila included Messrs. M.J. Evans, Tia Kai-hoo, Khaw Por-gai and Thilo Flao-arn.

## FOUR VAN HEUTSZ PIRATES GAOLED

On the unanimous verdict of a five-man two-women jury, the four Van Heutsz pirates were convicted and sentenced at the Criminal Session yesterday.

Ling Cheuk-wa, the first accused, was sentenced to six years' hard labour; Keung King-chung, Ling Chan-kai and Chan Chung-man, the second, third and fourth accused, were each sentenced to nine years with 10 strokes of the cane.

Sir Leslie Gibson, the Chief Justice, said he agreed with the jury in their verdict.

The reason for the lighter sentence on first accused, he said, was because there was just a possibility that he took a lesser part in the crime than the others. Before sentence was passed, Mr. A. Lonsdale, Acting Solicitor General, who prosecuted for the Crown, told the Court that the maximum sentence for piracy was life imprisonment and 20 strokes.

On the application of Mr. Lonsdale the three and fourth accused were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and 20 strokes.

## REPORT ON CATALINA CRASH

(Continued From Page 1)

All efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of this aircraft were unsuccessful and it was not until 0801 hours on July 17, 1948, that information was received from the Flight Despatcher at Macao that the aircraft had departed on schedule at 1800 hours July 16. This witness stated that he saw the aircraft take off to the South West and then make a right hand turn over Macao and set course for Hong Kong. Witness then returned to Macao. He also stated that he was not aware of the accident until he was notified by the Macao Police at 2130 hours on July 16 that a survivor had been rescued and brought into Macao by a fishing vessel at 2100 hours. He then attempted to contact Hong Kong also being unsuccessful.

### Eye-Witness Report

It was subsequently found that the fisherman who picked up the survivor was an eye-witness to the accident and, when questioned, he stated that he saw the aircraft flying towards Hong Kong and when it passed over his fishing boat it made a sharp turn to the left followed immediately by a sharp turn to the right and then dived directly into the sea. The aircraft hit the sea with a great splash followed by an explosion.

It was difficult to ascertain at what height the aircraft was flying but the witness stated that it was not very high. He also stated that the aircraft was making a "popping" noise when flying in level flight towards Hong Kong. This witness rescued the survivor and returned with him to Macao and informed the authorities there.

He was questioned on Saturday July 17, 1948 and on Sunday July 18, 1948 and on Tuesday July 20, 1948, by the Macao Police and a company representative to locate and mark the position of the crash. After an approximate position was buoyed, fishing junks were despatched with drags and located the wreckage during the afternoon of July 18.

Another witness, a farmer, came forward, who stated that he saw the aircraft flying towards Hong Kong at a height of approximately 600 to 800 feet and it suddenly turned to the north and then right again very sharply and then dived into the sea. A large splash was observed but he did not hear an explosion. This witness was approximately eight and a half miles from the wreckage at the time of the accident and, apart from the fact that he saw the aircraft turn very sharply to the left and then to the right, his evidence does not assist to any great extent.

### No Accurate Time

Neither of these witnesses could give any accurate time when the accident occurred but it was apparent that from the time of take off until the time the aircraft made its first turn to the left would be approximately seven and a half minutes and therefore it is assumed that the time of impact was 1008 hours on July 16, 1948. The speed on impact could not be ascertained from these two witnesses.

The position of the wreckage was eventually located at 22°14'28" N-113°14'43" E close to the normal track of the aircraft when flying north of Lantau Island.

This position was visited at 1030 hours on Monday July 19 and salvage operation commenced. It was obvious from the commencement of operations that the aircraft had struck the water at very high speed as within the first two or three hours, the wreckage brought to the surface consisted of small sections. On impact the starboard main plane was completely collapsed along the whole length and the port main plane broken into small pieces. Both engines had been torn from the engines nacelles and by the state of this wreckage the aircraft was under power when the impact took place.

### Examination of the salvaged portion of the tanks located near the center section showed that there was no fire or explosion in the petrol tanks. On all sections of the aircraft wreckage examined no sign of fire was found.

**Severely Damaged**  
The main fuselage section from the nose wheel, and including the passenger accommodation immediately to the rear of the baggage compartment was recovered and found to be severely damaged and substantially the destruction that the aircraft had crashed into the sea at high speed. The pilot's compartment was smashed almost beyond recognition and the top portion of the pilot's and the rear passenger compartments torn out.

It appears that the tail portion including the entrance "blister" had broken off completely from the front portion recovered. The tail unit was not recovered. Several bodies were subsequently recovered and one particular feature was that the body of the first officer was comparatively uninjured which indicates that he could not have been in the co-pilot's seat at the time of impact. The former co-pilot was completely smashed and would have damaged severely any person sitting in either the pilot's and co-pilot's seats.

The starboard float was recovered by a ferry steamer plying between Macao and Hong Kong, and again it was apparent from the severe damage to this float that the impact had been made at high speed. A hole in the float fairing was sent to the Hong Kong Police for examination.

Search for the wreckage continued on Tuesday July 20 until Thursday July 22 when owing to the close proximity of a typhoon affecting this area it became necessary to suspend salvage operations. It was not until Monday, July 26, 1948 that the main portion of the fuselage was lifted from the sea bed. This portion of the aircraft was then removed and placed under guard in the Macao Naval Yard. On arrival the first 38 calibre shell case was discovered when the wreckage was removed from the barge and this exhibit was handed to the Assistant Harbour Master, Macao.

### Piece By Piece

Weather again interfered with the examination of the wreckage and on Thursday afternoon dismantling of the fuselage was started. Sections were examined piece by piece and suspected holes were set aside for expert examination. When the mud and silt from the inside of the aircraft was washed the following items were discovered:—

- 1 exploded shell case .45 calibre
- 1 exploded shell case .38 calibre
- 2 unexploded bullets .38 calibre, (these bullets had been struck by the firing pin)
- 1 lead bullet, fired.

These items were found between Thursday July 29 and July 31. The statements and signatures of the finders being duly recorded by the Assistant Harbour Master, sealed and forwarded to the Commissioner of the Macao Police.

Examination of the aircraft controls and instruments showed that the engine throttles were in normal cruising position and that the mixture controls in the engines compartment in fully rich position. All switches were in normal positions indicating that the aircraft had been cruising normally.

The port side petrol cock showed that it was "ON" but owing to the tearing away of the metal front of the indicator panel on the engineers panel, the position of this cock could not be verified. The position of the petrol cock, however, indicated that the petrol was turned on.

Examination of the Mixture Controls in the engines compartment show that the mixture was set at "Fully Rich." Considering that the aircraft was

approximately five minutes out from Macao this position is normal and indicates that the aircraft engines were functioning in the normal manner.

### Gauges Undamaged

Both petrol gauges were undamaged and, as they are of direct reading type, petrol being measured direct from the tank, indicated that fire did not occur at that point. All other instruments were damaged beyond readability and no information could be obtained from them. Most of the dials had been subjected to corrosion by sea water.

The police authorities in Macao are in possession of certain evidence which appears to establish beyond reasonable doubt that the crew of the plane were subjected to an armed attack by certain passengers shortly after the Catalina left Macao on its return trip to Hong Kong. It would be improper to deal with that evidence in this report; it appears reasonably certain, however, that shortly after the take-off the Captain was called upon at the point of the revolver to hand over command of the plane. One of the passengers attempted to intervene and in the resulting noise the Captain was wounded with the result that the plane got out of control and crashed into the sea, sinking immediately. The findings are:—

(i) The aircraft was airworthy and the Certificate of Safety was signed prior to its departure from Hong Kong on the afternoon of July 16.

(ii) The aircraft had a valid Certificate of Airworthiness at the time of the accident.

(iii) The aircraft was loaded within the prescribed limits as laid down in the Certificate of Airworthiness.

(iv) The aircraft, carried enough fuel and oil for the intended journey.

(v) The weather was fine, and the visibility good.

(vi) All licences held by the Captain and crew were valid.

(vii) There was no evidence that pre-crash failure had occurred in any part of the aircraft or its equipment.

### Loss of Control

The cause of the accident must be attributed to sudden loss of control by the pilot as a result of being incapacitated by an armed passenger.

It is recommended that an aerodrome be set up in Macao at the earliest possible date in order that definite point-to-point contact may be established between Hong Kong and Macao while flying is in progress.

All times given in the report are Hong Kong Summer Time.



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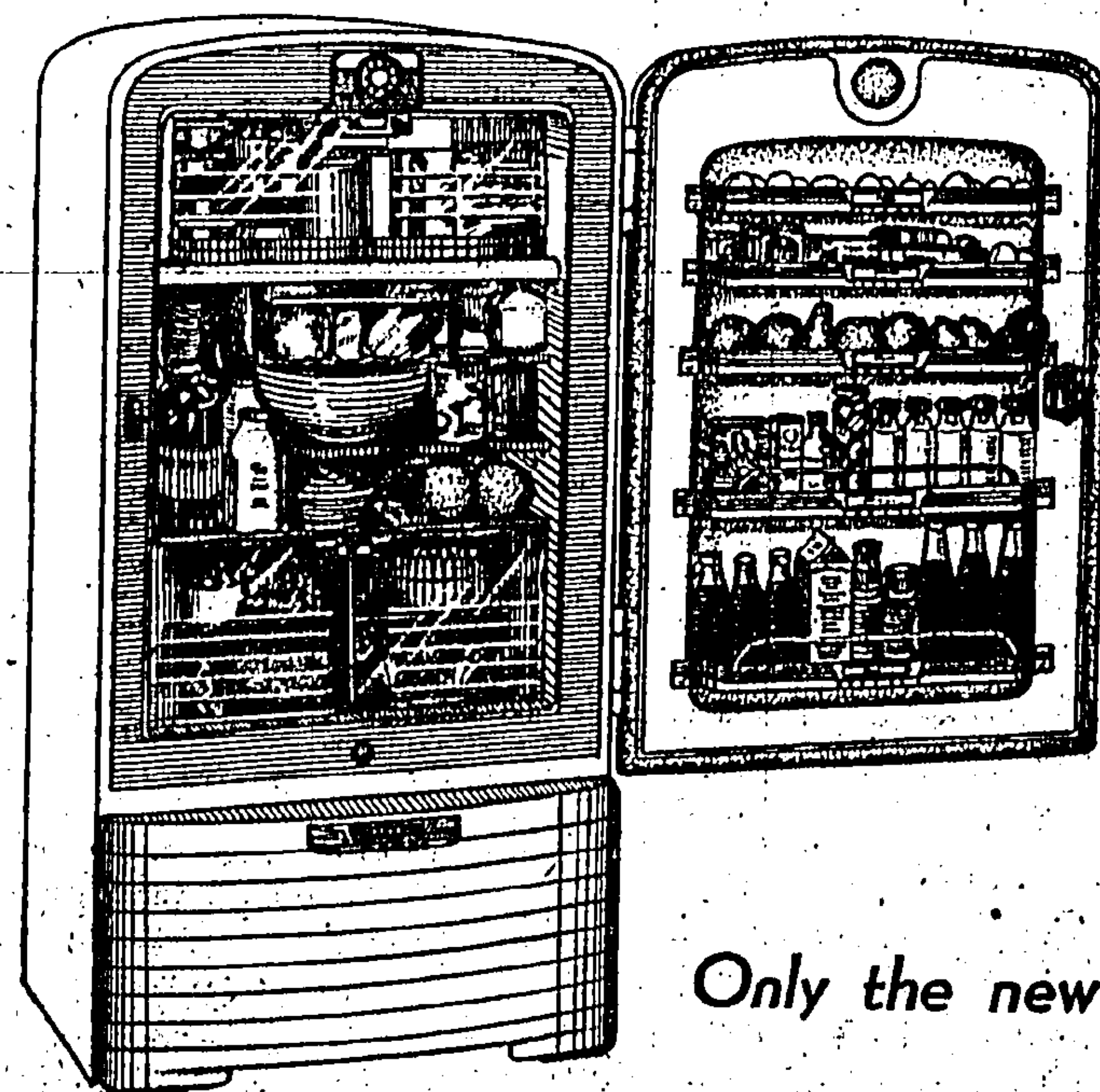
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# MALAYA REFORM URGED

## Social Betterment Plans To Defeat Reds

### General Desire For Better Living

Kuala Lumpur, August 16. Malayon Communists had exploited the keen and natural desire of workers generally for further improvement of standard of living said Mr. R. G. D. Houghton, Commissioner for Labour, when he addressed a Rotary Club meeting here recently on the subject of "Labour."

He said workers generally had been willing—too willing to respond to provocative propaganda that wages are inadequate, because of this desire for a better living.

The Commissioner said that in the matter of social security measures Malaya would have to move slowly. As in all other countries in the world, it depended on the general prosperity of a country. He said it did not seem to be generally realised that to obtain the benefits under the National Insurance in Britain an adult male worker had to contribute as much as \$2 (4s. 8d.) per week from his wages. He doubted that workers in Malaya would welcome such deductions from their pay.

Mr. Houghton declared that at present there was no common standard for facilities or estates. These facilities, required carefully in collaboration with the medical authorities.

The Workers' Compensation Enactment required revision and the Labour Code needed to be brought up to date.

A Factories Act to regulate employment conditions was very desirable. Factories of estate workers from low rooms needed classification by way of an ordinance. There were difficulties for both employers and workers under the present system. The Children's and Young Persons Ordinance required revision in several respects.

An employment Exchange Service to meet the needs of employers and workers was very necessary when the requisite finance was available.

In most countries in the world today, Mr. Houghton said, the need for a more organised labour

Department would increase rather than diminish in the future.

### Strict Control

Mr. Houghton favoured strict control of immigration and warned that if immigration was uncontrolled in the 1946 scale it would result in widespread unemployment.

Declaring that in two years' time there would be a surplus of labour in the Federation, Mr. Houghton said 2,000,000 of the 4,867,491 population were gainfully employed. With the natural population growth of less than 2½ per cent, this meant that the population would increase by about 100,000 a year and the numbers seeking employment by 40,000 a year.

Referring to the working population, Mr. Houghton said there were 38,428 labourers employed in factories, 329,786 on estates, 46,805 on mines and 59,306 in Government service. In the tea, oil palm, coconut and rubber estates the number was not sufficient to meet current requirements.

He said the natural growth of this working population would result in an annual increase of 12,700 workers, so that from this source unmet demands would soon be met. Another factor to be remembered, Mr. Houghton said, was the growing willingness of Malaya to end their centuries-old reluctance and accept a wage economy. In 1938 Malaya employed as labourers totalled only 25,896. In January 1947 it had increased to 59,372, with every indication that the movement had gained momentum during the current year.

The Labour Department, he said, intended to do all it could to stimulate "this very desirable movement."—Reuter.

### Gaekwar's Assurances

Bombay, August 15. The Gaekwar of Baroda, who arrived here today from London, said he would implement, without delay, the pledge to grant full responsible government to the people of Baroda.

Facing demands from the State's Legislative Council for his abdication for alleged misuse of funds, he added that he intended to refute the charges and would not abdicate.

"I am one with my people," he said, "and will do my best to maintain the traditions of my family and serve my people and their cause."—Reuter.

### Greek Army's Progress

Athens, August 15. Greek forces have occupied a height on the Epirus front, giving them command of the main guerrilla supply route from Albania to the Grammos area, the Athens news agency said tonight, quoting a Greek General Staff announcement.

The road is under fire from Greek artillery, the Athens news agency added. The height, known as Hill 2109, lies on the Albanian frontier North West of Piliati.

Greek troops also captured the Orta Helgiti, west of Piliati, the Greek General Staff said.—Reuter.

### In A Few Days

Athens, August 15. The Greek Vice-Premier, M. Constantinos Tsaldaris, said today in an article in a newspaper here, that the Mount Grammos area, held by the guerrillas, would be "gradually liberated by Greek soldiers in a few days."—Reuter.

### Tirana Denial

London, August 15. Tirana Radio reported that the official Albanian Telegraph Agency today denied reports that the "Free" Greek Army had retreated to Albanian soil and fired on Government troops across the border.

A Greek communiqué issued on Friday alleged that constant fire from Albanian territory halted forces pressing westwards from the area of Alexioi, where the guerrilla mountain capital was captured early last week.—Reuter.

### Linguistic Tangle Of Students

Nanking, August 15. Three Central University room-mates—two Malaysians and one Korean—have produced an amazing linguistic tangle in their search for higher education in China.

None of the three speaks Chinese and with Japanese their only common tongue, their classroom instruction sometimes passes through three or four languages before it reaches all three.

Malaysian students Raja Nong-chik of Balm Tiga Klang, Selangor and Abdul Majid Othman of Penang both speak English, Malay and Japanese. The former having learned Japanese at the Imperial University in Tokyo and the latter during the Japanese occupation of Malaya.

Their Korean companion, Lu Hsueh-mu speaks Korean and Japanese.

Raja is majoring in languages which include classes in Russian, French, German and advanced English and Japanese. He bears the heaviest load of the three in untangling these courses. Lu, who came to China from Japan, reads Chinese through knowledge of Japanese but during oral lectures he must depend on his Malaysian pal for translations. On written material both Raja and Abdul get help from Lu in puzzling out Chinese characters.

But linguistic problems, great as they are, are not the main worries of the three students. As guests of the Ministry of Education they receive a monthly allowance of C\$51,000,000—currently less than U.S.\$0.08 at blackmarket rates.

Anyone who can meet Nanking's inflation living costs on that amount should have no trouble making perfect grades in the toughest university, without a knowledge of the Chinese language.—Associated Press.

### CHINESE REDS ACTIVE IN SIAM

Singapore, August 15. Some 4,000 Chinese Communists are active in the Siamese province of Chonburi, 150 miles east of Bangkok, Siamese police estimated according to the Bangkok correspondent of the Singapore Straits Times.

The newspaper said the province is unofficially described as "the principal seat of Communist activity in Siam."—Associated Press.

### ANNIVERSARY OF JAP'S SURRENDER

New York, August 15.

Thirty-six months ago today Radio Tokyo broadcast Japan's acceptance of the Potsdam agreement, ending the war in the Far East and for the first time in more than a decade bringing peace to the whole world.

Allied victory celebrations swept the globe. Even the defeated shell-shocked nations were glad that the last great bomb had exploded and that they would have time to bind their wounds.

The most bitter conflict that men had ever known was over—so most people thought. There would, of course, be the usual hard times which follow every war, but there would be a quick recovery, and our new United Nations would guide us into an era of tranquility and good will.

That is what we thought three years ago. Now we know that the peace we saw was only a mirage.

We realise that the war against the Axis has only been transformed into a war against Bolshevism world revolution. It was done as smoothly as the shifting of automatic gears—so smoothly that only now the democracies are awakening to the realisation that they are engaged in a fresh war which is far more dangerous than anything the evil mind of Hitler conjured.

Moscow laid the groundwork for this war by signing the non-aggression pact which enabled Hitler to launch his attack on Poland. Objective observers in Europe at that time were quite aware that Russia anticipated another world war and thought of taking advantage of it for the cause of Communism. What the Russians did not foresee was that they would be caught in the early phases of the conflict and so hurt that they could not take full advantage of the outside world's weaknesses.

### Almost Unbelievable

Those are the facts which are almost unbelievable to the charitable Western mind. They are facts which all of us dislike to admit. But the sooner we recognise the cold truth that Bolshevism is out to bring us

under its totalitarian rule, the better off we shall be. We may see lulls in the Bolshevik aggression; there are likely to be truces in various places from time to time. The "cold war" is like any other war in that its heavy offensives are followed by pauses for consolidation.

However, the indications are that Moscow has no intention of stopping its drive so long as Russia has the strength to carry on. The objective for continental Europe is the English Channel. And the only thing that will halt the Russians will be Western Europe's recovery of sufficient strength to hold them.

### Slowed Down

The Reds have been slowed down and are being held fairly well along their line through Central Europe. There is a chance that Western Europe will get on its feet in time to prevent the Communists from taking possession of more governments by strong arm methods. If that happens the cold war in Europe will settle down to one of attrition—of Communist infiltration, espionage and sabotage, but the conflict will continue.

Meanwhile we may expect a rapid increase in the fierceness of the conflict in the Orient. Indeed, the Far East may well become the main theatre of the struggle between democracy and Communism.

In any event we should not forget for a minute that while we may get rest, the warfare will go on and on until Communism either demonstrates that it is what the world wants, or hangs itself; certainly the long suffering democracies are giving Bolshevism lots of rope for the job.

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The priests declared that they regarded the presence of non-Hindus in the temple as "pollution."

In a communiqué today, the Government said that it considered the priests' action "high handed" and "directed" that their services be dispensed with so that their example may serve as a deterrent to others and facilitate the maintenance of discipline and order.—Reuter.

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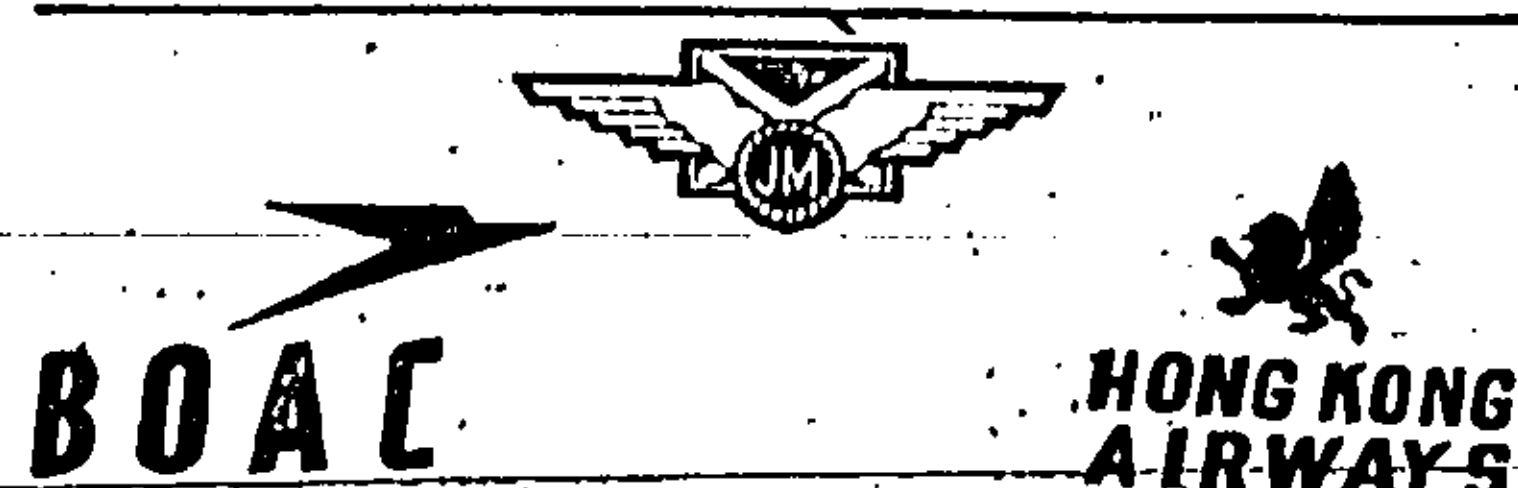
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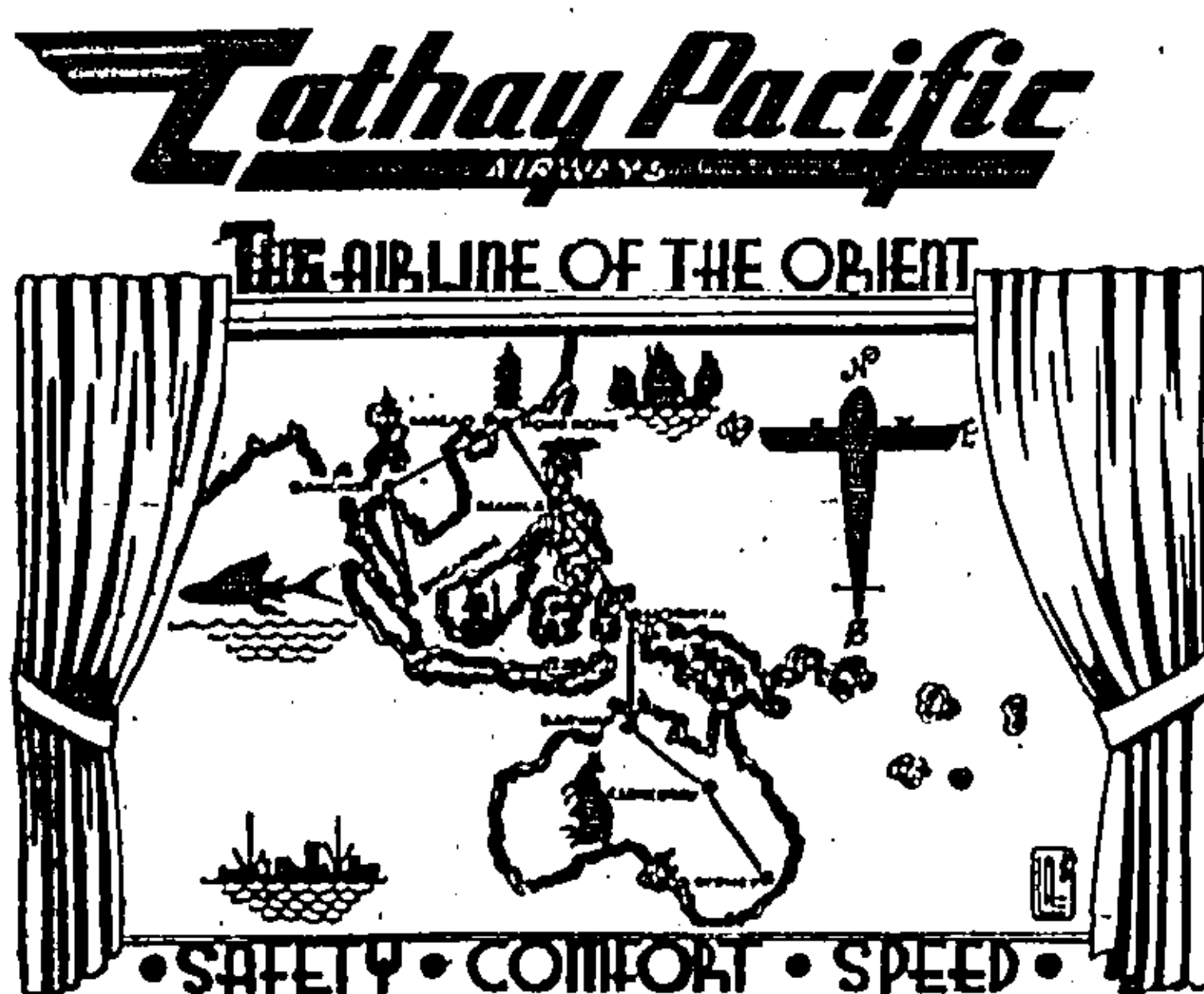
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## DEATH

DE MOTTA—On 16th August, 1948, Almira Maria Marques da Motta, at The Cancer Hospital, Aged 88 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. today. (Lisbon and Macao papers please copy)

## CONSTRUCTOR

A small story out of Istanbul opens a prodigious field for speculation with regard to the Soviet Union's intentions toward her Eastern European satellites. The story emanates from Rumanian refugees and hardly to be accepted as the assured truth—says Rumania will hold a plebiscite on August 23 to vote whether to become a member of the Soviet Union.

If true, the story offers a demonstration of the constrictor preparing to digest its acquisitions. It is a reasonable extension of the consolidation policy already demonstrated in varying degrees in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Rumania, of course, is farther along. Rumania was wholly under occupation by the Red Army when the war ended, and besides has an extensive common border with Russia. The Soviet Union should have no trouble winning the election. If the Soviet Union wants Rumania to join up, the election will show something like 96 per cent of Rumanians favouring the merger.

But it is worth remembering that with peoples, the absorption process does not end with a rigged election. By every standard except geography, Rumania is foreign to the Soviet Union. It is intensely nationalistic, perhaps more so than any other Balkan country. It is not a Slav country. In Rumania, a greater majority of non-Communists is ruled by a smaller minority of Communists than anywhere else behind the Iron Curtain.

Under such circumstances the way of the empire builder is always beset by enduring troubles—troubles which may in the end prove insuperable.

The Romans, in their time and place, set out to bring a vast array of dissimilar peoples under their flag, and succeeded for a time. So, of course, did Alexander earlier, and Napoleon later, but the Romans will serve as an instance. The Romans had the power to batter down every physical obstacle, and did. But ultimately the Roman empire collapsed. The biggest failure of the Romans as colonisers was that they were unable to grasp the possibility that there were people in the world who did not want to be Romans. At first these people had no choice—they acknowledged Roman authority, or they were liquidated. But this flame of resentment easily survived the rigours of Roman authoritarianism, probably even fed upon those rigours. And it certainly outlasted the Roman capacity for enduring vigilance. So finally the flame triumphed and Rome, with all its power and culture and splendour, succumbed.

There is nothing in this analogy to bring hope to the hearts of Rumanians in 1948, or any time soon. The power of Russia in Eastern Europe is such, and bids to remain such for some time to come, that the whole 90-

Delayed-action bombs for un-suspecting rate-payers started "licking" last week. This bomb, hidden in the "nationalisation" of rateable values, are timed to burst in the victims' faces one breakfast time in 1952 as they open their local rate demand notes.

Severest shooks await a high proportion of the 4,000,000 people in Britain who own their homes or are buying them through building societies. Experts predict that the increases in rateable values will range from 10 per cent, to as much as 20 per cent, in some rural areas, and will fall heavily in the four-bedroom type homes.

## The Small House

Ostensibly property tax assessments (for Schedule A) are not affected, but property experts are gloomy. They say that in the main assessments of the smaller houses are being raised and are likely to be raised in step with the new rateable values. All this is going to happen under the Local Government Act 1947, which allows, among other things, at uniform rating throughout the country—to level down the rates in areas where the rates are high, such as the Rhondda, 27s., to level upwards the low-rated communities. Whitehall has just started recruiting staff for the new Central Rating and Valuation Department which is to do the job. There will be a permanent staff of about 3,000—officials, valuers, and office workers—plus a temporary staff of 3,000 to carry out the initial country-wide revaluation.

## The Big House

The C.R.V.D. will have headquarters in London with a deputy chief valuer, and an assistant chief valuer in charge, 12 regional offices, each controlled by a superintendent, and 280 local offices.

For generations the local council has been responsible for fixing the rateable value of your house. Up and down the country this has led to wide variations—one house carrying a rateable value of £30 with an identical house in another similar locality carrying a rateable value of £50.

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1. Council house or flat or property built by a local housing association since 1918. Calculate what would have been the 1938 cost of building the property, deduct the depreciation, and supply the rateable value. The rateable value of the property, etc., enjoyed. Take 5 per cent of that to represent the gross rateable value, deduct the annual maintenance and repairs allowances, and the result is the new rateable value.

2. Private houses (excluding flats and maisonettes) built since 1918 which now have a rateable value of up to £100 in Greater London (the Metropolitan Police area) or up to £75 elsewhere. Again 5 per cent of what it would have cost to build in 1938 plus 5 per cent of the full value of the site (irrespective of development charges under the new

## HOW TO MAKE THE DESERT BLOOM

Cairo, August 15.  
Men of vision in Egypt are today considering how to make the desert bloom and become productive. At present, only about three per cent of Egypt's estimated 386,110 square miles are under cultivation and the rest, apart from scattered oases, is desert waste.

Water is the key to the problem, and much of it could be provided by the Nile, for every year huge quantities, rich in the sediment which means a potential loam, are swept away, unused, out to the sea during floods.

The desert planners, however, are looking to other means of obtaining the much needed water. Running through the Libyan Desert is a subterranean Nile which derives its supply from lower Egypt, and its level is stable all the year round, and none of its mineral-bearing water goes to the sea. This subterranean river was used in the Pharaonic Era and research has shown that its supply is apparently inexhaustible. To exploit it would not require elaborate irrigation systems controlled by costly dams. It could be done by wells and experts estimate that it could thus be reclaimed at a cost of between £3 and £5 an acre.

odd millions of non-Russians behind the Iron Curtain can be made Russians in name, and required to do the Russian bidding.

But it remains true that durable empires are not built that way—that unless the Soviet nature changes radically from within the spark that is in the soul of the Rumanians, the Czechs, the Poles and the rest will some day melt the bombs and bring down the empire.

## THE BOMBS IN THE LETTER-BOX

Town and Country Planning Act) on April 1, 1949.  
3. Other property, including flats and maisonettes, built before or after 1918, or having a rateable value in excess of £100 in Greater London, or in excess of £75 elsewhere. New rateable value to be the rent that could have been charged for the house

## By JOHN HALL

had it been let to a tenant on August 31, 1939, minus allowances for maintenance and repairs.

In this third category it has not been overlooked that by the end of August 1939 a lot of voluntary evacuation from the large cities had begun and rentals in the safe areas, such as the West Country,

N. Wales, and the Lake District, had already begun to soar. So it is laid down that if a reasonable estimate for August 1939 is not available the authorities will accept a 1938 estimate.

## The Big Squeeze

All this equalisation is tied in with a new system of block grants—large sums which the Government parcels out of your income tax-paying pocket to help your rate-paying pocket. It has long been a criticism that under the old system some areas could get unfair advantage over others. So the Government said: "Right, we'll have one central authority to fix all rateable values and take the job out of the hands of the local authorities." In the process a lot of little people are going to feel the squeeze.

## TITO-STALIN RIFT STILL UNHEALED

Belgrade, August 14.

The rift between the Yugoslav Communist Party and the Cominform shows no sign of closing, Western observers here considered today, in spite of the solid front presented at the Danube Conference.

In foreign policy, the Yugoslavs are well in step with the Soviet Union, but Marshal Tito's call this week for "unity to show we are accused unjustly" showed that relations on the party level had not improved.

Communist Party members here still seemed bewildered by the situation and expressed painful incomprehension that the attacks should have continued while many believe that deeper issues than the Cominform resolution covered were yet undiscovered.

They believed that Russia depended for her information on unreliable elements instead of asking the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Party direct. This theme recurred in Marshal Tito's letters to Marshal Stalin and in the Soviet Foreign Minister, N. S. Molotov's speech at the Cominform split. The letters were published here recently on a restricted scale.

Observers here are linking this publication with the secret circulation some weeks previously of pamphlets bearing stamp of the Pravda (the Soviet Communist Party organ) works and containing only the Soviet side of the correspondence. It was suggested that the publication here was in fact an attempt to counteract whatever propaganda value these pamphlets may have had.

## Not Forgiven

The secretly circulated pamphlets were further evidence, observers considered, that the Soviet Communist Party had not forgiven the Yugoslav leaders. The Soviet point of view expressed here indicated a firm be-

lief that there was opposition in the Communist Party in Yugoslavia which might one day carry out the terms of the Cominform resolution and oust its present leaders.

The Yugoslav Communists, reacting to this, pointed to the unanimity shown in their secret party Congress. They also regarded the recent national loan, which was over-subscribed in a few days after the Cominform's resolution, as a plebiscite in which the people expressed their confidence in Marshal Tito's government.

The new issue of the Cominform bulletin in Belgrade predicts that Premier Marshal Tito and his lieutenants sooner or later will be replaced as leaders of the Yugoslav Communist Party. Tito's name is being publicised the same way as Hitler's was in Germany, the bulletin said. And this, it added, is causing widespread indignation among Yugoslav Communist Party members.

## "Manipulated"

Commenting on the recent Yugoslav Communist Party Congress in Belgrade, the bulletin said Party discussions were manipulated to prevent delegates from debating the charges made against the Yugoslav Party leadership by the Cominform. (The charges, made by the Russian-led Communist International Information Bureau, were that Tito had departed from the Party line and pursued a hateful policy toward Russia.)

Everything at the Congress, the bulletin said, concentrated on slandering the Communist Party of Russia and the Soviet Union.

On Friday the official Yugoslav News Agency reported that Tito has reaffirmed the solidarity of Yugoslavia with Russia and Eastern Europe's Communist bloc. But the Agency said that in a speech made on Tuesday before a Communist Party meeting in Belgrade, Tito accused the Cominform of slandering him—Reuters and Associated Press.

## War Crimes Trials

Nanking, August 15.  
Since the establishment of war crimes military tribunals in China in February, 1947, the Chinese authorities have investigated the cases of 2,438 Japanese war crimes suspects, according to a semi-official source today.

Of the 1,455 Japanese tried, 143 were sentenced to death, 83 given life imprisonment, 245 prison terms and 371 acquitted. The tribunals rejected charges against 23 suspects, while prosecutions against 891 were dropped. Those acquitted or not tried, with the exception of about 20 still under investigation, have all been repatriated to Japan.—Reuters-AAP.

## QUAKES ROCK PART OF JAPAN

Tokyo, August 15.  
Earthquakes of small intensity rocked Honshu from Tokyo north to Sendai at 0250 local time today.  
The quakes, which had its epicentre somewhere along the east coast between Tokyo and Sendai, were felt across Honshu but apparently caused little if any damage.  
Japanese meteorologists said the quakes were of intensity three, intensity is classified on a logarithmic scale to six (violent).—Associated Press.

## OPEN WINDOWS GIVE SECRETS AWAY

New York, August 15.

For the second time within less than six months an open window has revealed to the world the great gulf between the democratic conception of individual freedom and the Bolshevik doctrine that the citizen belongs to the state.

Last March 10 it was the window through which Czechoslovakia's Jan Masaryk plunged to his death—a shock that galvanised the Western democracies into grim defensive action.

Last Thursday it was the window in New York from which Mrs. Oskana Stepanova Kosenkina jumped to escape from the Soviet Consulate. She was gravely injured but not killed and therefore was able, in the safety of an American hospital, to tell a Soviet official to his face just why she jumped:

"You kept me a prisoner, you would not let me go."

That statement was clear enough to Americans living in a free country, but it touched off an angry rush of accusations, protests and demands from Moscow.

The Russian press accused American police who took the injured woman from the Consulate to a hospital, of a "crude violation" of the Consulate's immunity. And the Russian Ambassador yesterday called at the U.S. State Department to demand that Mrs. Kosenkina be placed under Soviet guard and removed from the hospital where she now has the protection of American police.

But the United States had little choice but to stand firm. Its basic principles of individual liberty and human dignity were at stake.

Meanwhile the congressional investigation of Soviet espionage in the United States continued, highlighted by the testimony of a confessed wartime spy that she received large cash payments and a Soviet decoration for her espionage work.

Other developments on the international scene:

## Russians Leave

Berlin—The Russians finally moved out of the Allied Kommandatura building, leaving the dissonant-ridden German City Government as the only vestige of municipal unity there. American airmen meanwhile continued flying food and fuel into the blockaded city, despite torrential rains. Russian controlled newspapers admitted for the first time that serious food shortages exist in the Soviet occupied zone of the country.

Belgrade—With the support of Communist satellite states, Russia practically completed the job of forcing through a new Danubian pact pledging free navigation of the Danube, but denying the Western powers any share in its administration.—Associated Press.

## LANE NORCOTT

The Lucky Greeks Hadn't

A Word For It

Glancing through an unnecessarily long report (in a four-page paper) of a shrill scream of abuse recently let out by an all-too-prominent Cabinet Minister against something or other that had wounded his vanity as a boy, it suddenly occurred to us that here was a new type of ruler for whom our language has no adequate descriptive term like "pyromaniac" for the chap who loves setting things on fire, or "moron" for the mentally underdeveloped.

Well, we don't know if the compilers of the Oxford English Dictionary will be interested or not, but may we respectfully suggest the word "Downstart" (Example: "The manner of the Rt. Hon. ... are appalling. He's just a little downstart")

## Loose Costing

Washington, Sunday.—No country will be able to afford to use atomic bombs on cities of as few as 50,000 people, says the

## The Hols In Headlines

"It always rains on August Bank Holiday."  
"Twelve get Paratyphoid at holiday town."  
"Stuck in mid-river as bridge breaks."  
"Cigarettes—the great riddle."  
"10,000 stranded—sleep on sea front."  
"Milk runs out at famous seaside resort."  
"Mobile squads hold up holiday cars."  
"Five trains broke down."  
"Fall over cliff into river."  
"Drains overflow, roofs torn off."  
"Village drowned."  
"His Worship dives in."





# Palestine Flaring Into Open War

## Arabs Accused Of General Offensive Round Jerusalem

### HUSH-HUSH VISIT OF TORY PARTY LIEUTENANT

Jerusalem, August 15. Arab armies have launched a "general attack" along the entire Jerusalem front at dawn today, according to an Israeli Army communique. The main objectives of the attack were Ramat Rahel, a Jewish settlement on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road; Mount Zion, where Israeli forces are entrenched before the walled Old City; and Beith Israel, in the northern sector of Jerusalem; the communique claimed.

### More Truce Breach Allegations

Amman, August 15. The Transjordan Legion today accused the Jews of flying in troops and arms to Palestine to the Potash Company settlement at the South end of the Dead Sea.

The Legion asked for an immediate investigation by United Nations Truce observers.

Two Arabs were killed in a three hour attack early today against Transjordan Legion forward posts in Jerusalem, said a Legion spokesman, but he claimed that the Jewish casualties were heavier than the Arabs.

The Jewish assault came after the Legion had been notified last night by United Nations observers that the Jews had accepted Count Folke Bernadotte's no return fire order, added the spokesman.

The Potash Company settlement has been held throughout the Palestine fighting by the Jews who made one raid against a nearby Arab village in June to replenish their water supply.

A second settlement at the North end of the Dead Sea was evacuated by the Jews in May this year.—Associated Press.

### Sheikh's Support Of Israel

Jerusalem, August 15. Twenty-eight year old Sheikh Yusef Abu Gosh, the first Arab to fight with the Jewish underground against both British and Arabs in Palestine, today publicly announced his allegiance to Israel's cause.

In his native village of Abu Gosh, seven miles west of Jerusalem, 15 Jews and Arabs sat down at the same table on a hillside overlooking the strife-torn Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway to thank Sheikh Yusef for his services to "Palestine."

In particular, they honoured him for his part in the spectacular escape from the British hospital in Jerusalem in April, 1947, of 22-year old Miss Gailan Cohen, the Stern Gang underground radio announcer, who was captured by the British police in Tel Aviv in February, 1946, and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

Sheikh Yusef, who has been an active member of the "Fighters for Israel's Freedom"—or Stern Gang—for the last five years, was detained for a time by the British authorities under the emergency defence regulations on suspicion of being implicated in the escape of the Stern Gang underground radio announcer.

Miss Cohen was present today to thank her liberator.—Reuters.

### State Loan For Israel Mooted

Haifa, August 15. A possible state loan for Israel was mentioned by a leading United States Zionist who arrived in Haifa by plane today.

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Head of the Zionist Organization in the United States, on his way to Tel Aviv attended a general Zionist Council meeting and said the purpose of his visit was to discuss the reorganization of the movement and means of helping to strengthen Israel. Rabbi Silver said "I think a state loan will be passed", and expressed the hope that the United States will sponsor Israel's entry into the United Nations.

American Zionists had confidence in Israel's leaders on the spot and public opinion is generally favourable to Israel's financial and reasonable policy, Rabbi Silver said.

Traveling on the same plane as Rabbi Silver was the President of Zionist organizations in the United States, Mr. Newman.

Jewish troops fired on Arab concentrations and gunfire rolled over the city for two hours, the communique added.

The Jewish Government has refused to accept a United Nations proposal, agreed by the Arabs, not to return fire in cases of "provocation."

Jerusalem is under a separate truce arrangement from the rest of Palestine, and last night a 12-point Arab plan for demilitarizing the city was announced in Amman, capital of Transjordan.

The first British politician to visit Palestine since the end of the mandate is now in Jerusalem as "hush-hush" business at the personal invitation of Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Israeli Foreign Minister. He is Colonel Mark Chippman Walker, a secretary of the British Conservative Party's Central Office.

Colonel Walker refused to disclose the purpose of his visit, but reliable Jewish sources said today that he was acting as the personal representative of Mr. Anthony Eden, to whom he would report back on the Palestine situation.

It was understood that he has already talked with King Farouk of Egypt and King Abdullah of Transjordan, and is going on to Tel Aviv after talks with Jewish leaders in Jerusalem.

Glubb Pasha Rumours. Glubb Pasha, the British commander of the Transjordan Arab Legion, which is the chief Arab force investing the city, arrived in London today with his wife. When he passed through Cairo last night, he denied rumours that he had intended to resign his command.

Reuters also reported from Paris today that 360 immigrants for Palestine arrived in Marseilles from Germany today, and were waiting at Bandol for a ship to take them to the Holy Land. They had exit permits from the

### India Celebrates Anniversary

New Delhi, August 15. Simple services featuring tributes to the late Mahatma Gandhi marked the first anniversary of Indian Independence in New Delhi today.

Tens of thousands attended a Flag Raising ceremony at the historic Red Fort of Delhi, inside whose walls the eight accused assassins of Gandhi are imprisoned as their trial continues.

Eulogising Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, said it would not be fitting to "speak of conflict although it is uppermost in our minds."

On Monday Pandit Nehru is due to preside at a Cabinet meeting to consider a United Nations Commission proposal that India and Pakistan issue cease fire orders to halt the fighting in Kashmir.

To an attentive crowd, Pandit Nehru said Gandhi's teachings led India to freedom, adherence to them could permit her to retain real freedom. He came directly to the Fort from a ceremony at which he and other Cabinet members laid flowers at the scene of Gandhi's cremation on the banks of the holy Jumna River.

Tonight an official Government reception and radio speech by Nehru will end a week of independence ceremonies.—Associated Press.

### Polish Envoy To Austria

Warsaw, August 15. The Polish Government has appointed Dr. Stefan Kurkowski as Poland's representative in Austria, with the rank of Plenipotentiary Minister.

Before the war, Dr. Kurkowski was well known as a counsel for political defendants in Warsaw. He was a member of the wartime resistance movement and was taken prisoner by the Germans. After the war he acted as public prosecutor in the Allied war crimes trials against the Germans. He is a member of the Polish Workers (Communist) Party.—Reuters.

Dr. Kurkowski, leader of the Polish Zionist movement.—Associated Press.

United States Zone of Germany, transit visas from the French Government and authorization to go Palestine from the Israeli Government.

Guards at the San Nicoletto Airport in Venice discovered five bombs, though it has been placed by Jewish terrorists, on the wings of two big Machetti planes due to be handed over shortly to an Egyptian civil airline, a Reuters cable from San Nicoletto said.—Reuters.

### Water Supply

Stockholm, August 15. Latest reports to Count Bernadotte declared today that responsibility was still not fixed for the blasting of the Latrun pumping station on the Jerusalem water pipeline.

Reports forwarded to the United Nations mediator here from his Rhodes headquarters said seven hours before the explosion an Arab Legion truck approached the pumping station from the Legion post in the Latrun police station nearby. Two United Nations observers arrived 10 minutes later and found a motor inside the truck and a compressor nearby, the reports added. They continued.

The Arab Legion commander of the nearby post told United Nations observers that the incident "apparently was an attempt at looting." The United Nations observers ordered the truck to be unloaded and it drove away.

At the same time the Arab Legion commander said that shortly before the pumping station was blasted firing was directed at the Arab Legion post in the police station. The observers found marks of two mortar shell hits on the police station.—Associated Press.

Truce Violation. Amman, August 15. United Nations observers today found three Jewish bodies in Arab positions in the Bad El Wad area along the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway after a heavy Jewish attack on Arab Legion outposts. It was officially announced here tonight.

The observers were investigating the truce violation. Arab Legion sources said the Jews intended to occupy Beir Ayub village, between Bad El Wad and Latrun, but the attack was repulsed.

Simultaneously, two separate Jewish attacks were launched in the Sheikh Jarrah and Mount Zion sectors, north and south of Jerusalem, the Legion said.

The Jews made intensive use of mortars, small arms and grenades, it added. All three attacks lasted three hours.—Reuters.

### Eating Their Words

New York, August 15. The President of the India League of America said today that critics who predicted the people of India would be incapable of self-rule "have already had to eat their words."

Sirdar J. J. Singh made the statement in an address at a League reception, observing the first anniversary of the independence of India and Pakistan.

He said that except in Kashmir and Hyderabad, "all is quiet and peaceful on the subcontinent of India.... trade and industry are developing rapidly.... agricultural products increase every month."

During the seven months ending last January—which included the worst months of communal upheavals—export trade of India and Pakistan increased US\$450,000,000 over that of the same period the previous year, Singh said.—Associated Press.

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### Fifth Attempt To Reach Accord

Moscow, August 15. The fifth meeting between the three Western envoys and the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, is expected to take place at the Kremlin tomorrow. The envoys, Mr. Frank Roberts (Britain), M. Yves (Chateaugay) (France) and General Walter Bedell Smith (United States) are believed to have asked for another appointment with M. Molotov after receiving fresh instructions from their Governments.

The envoys—attempts to lay the foundations for four-power talks on the German crisis—met at the American Embassy for about an hour today.—Reuters.

### Rabbi Silver In London

Haifa, August 15. Rabbi Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organisation of America, and Dr. Samuel Newman, its Chairman, along with Professor Selig Brodetzky, leader of the Zionist Movement in Britain, arrived in Haifa by air today to attend a meeting of the General Council of the Zionist Organisation.

Rabbi Silver said that the purpose of his visit was "to discuss the reorganization of the Zionist Movement and to strengthen the State of Israel."

He said that the United States loan to Israel would be passed by Congress and that the United States would sponsor Israel's admission to the United Nations, adding that "regardless of the result of the November election, Israel's position in the United States was good."

He emphasised that the basic decision on the Jewish question should be made in Palestine.—Reuters.

### Russia Attitude

Not so long ago Russia was asking for a Mediterranean base. Now, however, she has proclaimed herself in favour of returning all the colonies to Italy for rule under United Nations trusteeship, pending a granting of independence.

Most of the Western allies, however, want to see Libya split up into its component provinces of Cirenaica, Tripolitania and Fezzan.

Cirenaica and perhaps Tripolitania, would come under British protection, either as a U.N. trusteeship or as independent states bound to Britain by military treaty. Fezzan would go to France, who has been administering it since the war.

Russia's abnegation—backed by five Eastern European satellites—is more apparent than real. The idea of turning the colonies back to Italy is a shrewd one from two very important viewpoints.

1. Moscow still hopes to gain control of Italy through the latter's big and militant Communist party, and such an eventually would bring Libya into the Russian fold.

2. The very fact that the Soviet Union advocates returning the colonies to Italy is calculated to strengthen the hand of the Italian Communists in their fight for power.

**Independence**

The question of independence looms large with the native Libyans, who have long been working for their liberty. Their

### THE BATTLE OVER ITALIAN COLONIES

London, August 15. The fate of Italy's North African colonial empire—Libya, Eritrea, and Italian Somaliland—is again being debated by the big four Deputy Foreign Ministers in London, with chief interest centered on Libya.

Libya was the pride of Mussolini, for it was the Mediterranean province of Cirenaica that he created his garden of Eden. Across these fruitful acres, whose fertility is mentioned in Homer's Odyssey, Mussolini laid out a great agricultural development and settled upon it thousands of Italian colonists, whose neat, white farmhouses bore on their fronts in huge black letters the single prideful word "Duce."

It could have been a lasting monument to his vanity.

However, Libya's chief importance does not lie in her rich acres. It is not due to the fact that her Mediterranean coast is so pleasing that even in antiquity it was a favourite resort for the people of many neighbouring lands. They say that Cleopatra used to frequent Kerna.

Libya's importance is the same old story. It has great military value as a Mediterranean base.

The country holding Libya would be in a powerful position, especially if it also controlled the big island of Crete to the north. It could then dominate the lifeline through the Mediterranean to the Suez canal, for the Libyan port of Tobruk and Crete form a saddle over the ship route.

Small wonder that the disposition of Libya is a bone of hot contention between Russia and the Western powers. Neither side wants to see the other get control there.

paramount leader is the Grand Senussi, the princely personage who is both spiritual and temporal head.

In a wartime interview, His Highness expressed great hope for the development of his country. "We feel that we should have our freedom first," he replied. "The rest easily can be arranged. We certainly shall need guidance in our new state, and we shall need help in developing it."—Associated Press.

### Propose Tightening Spy Laws

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The official, who asked not to be quoted by name, said the Justice Department is putting finishing touches on the proposals which will be included in a single bill.

It was reported that the new administration measure would, among other things:

1. Exempt all espionage cases from any statute limitations laws permitting prosecution for espionage at any time.
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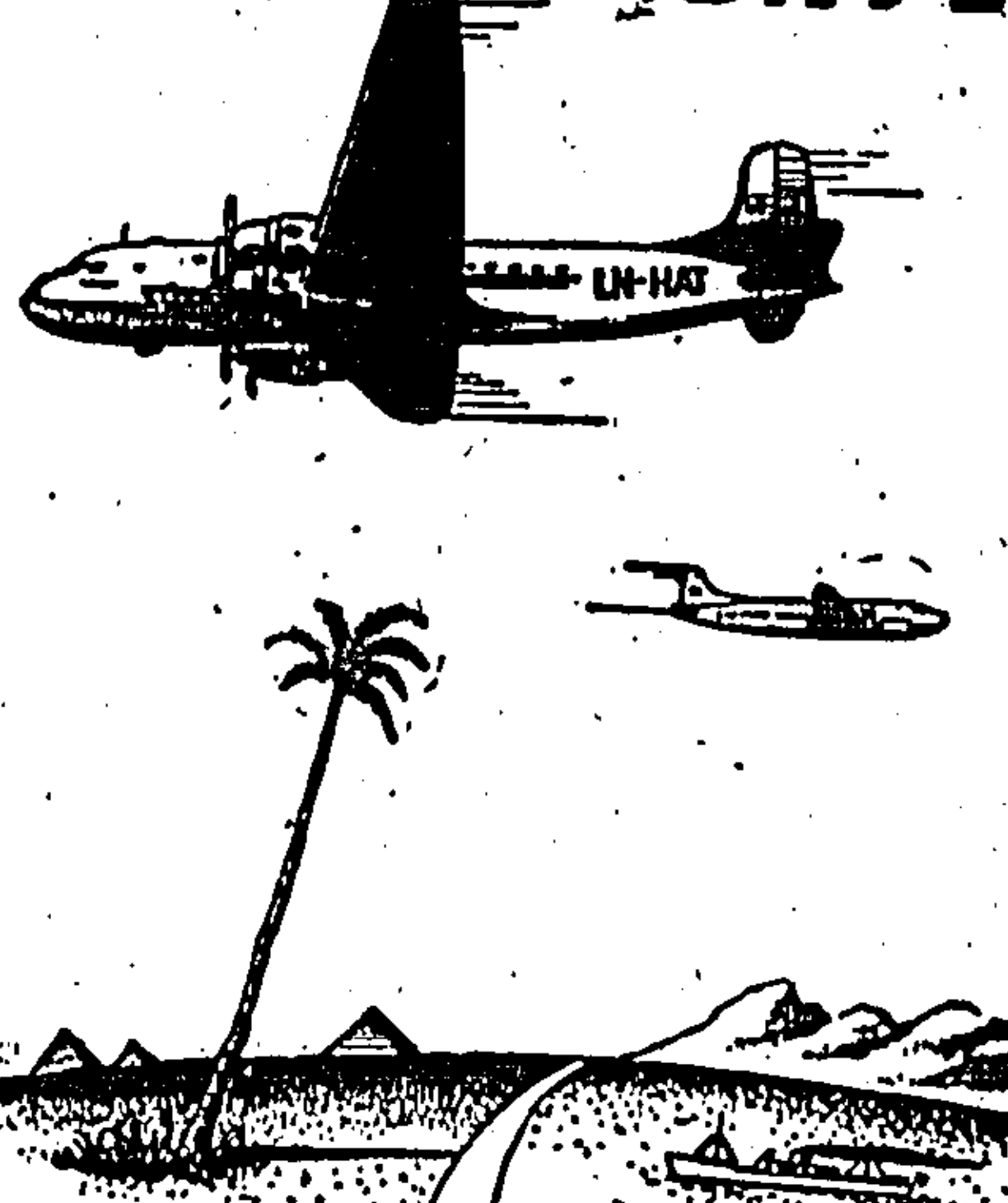
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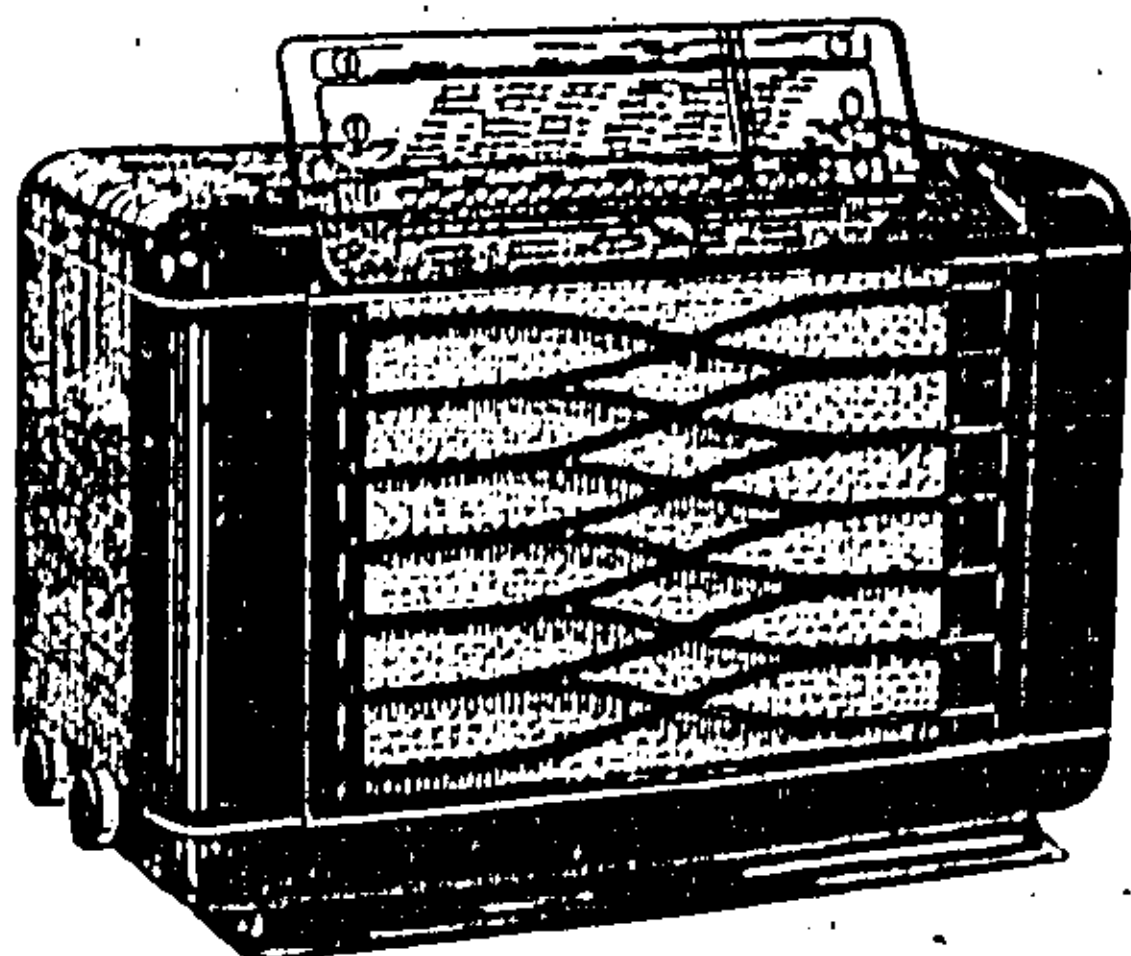
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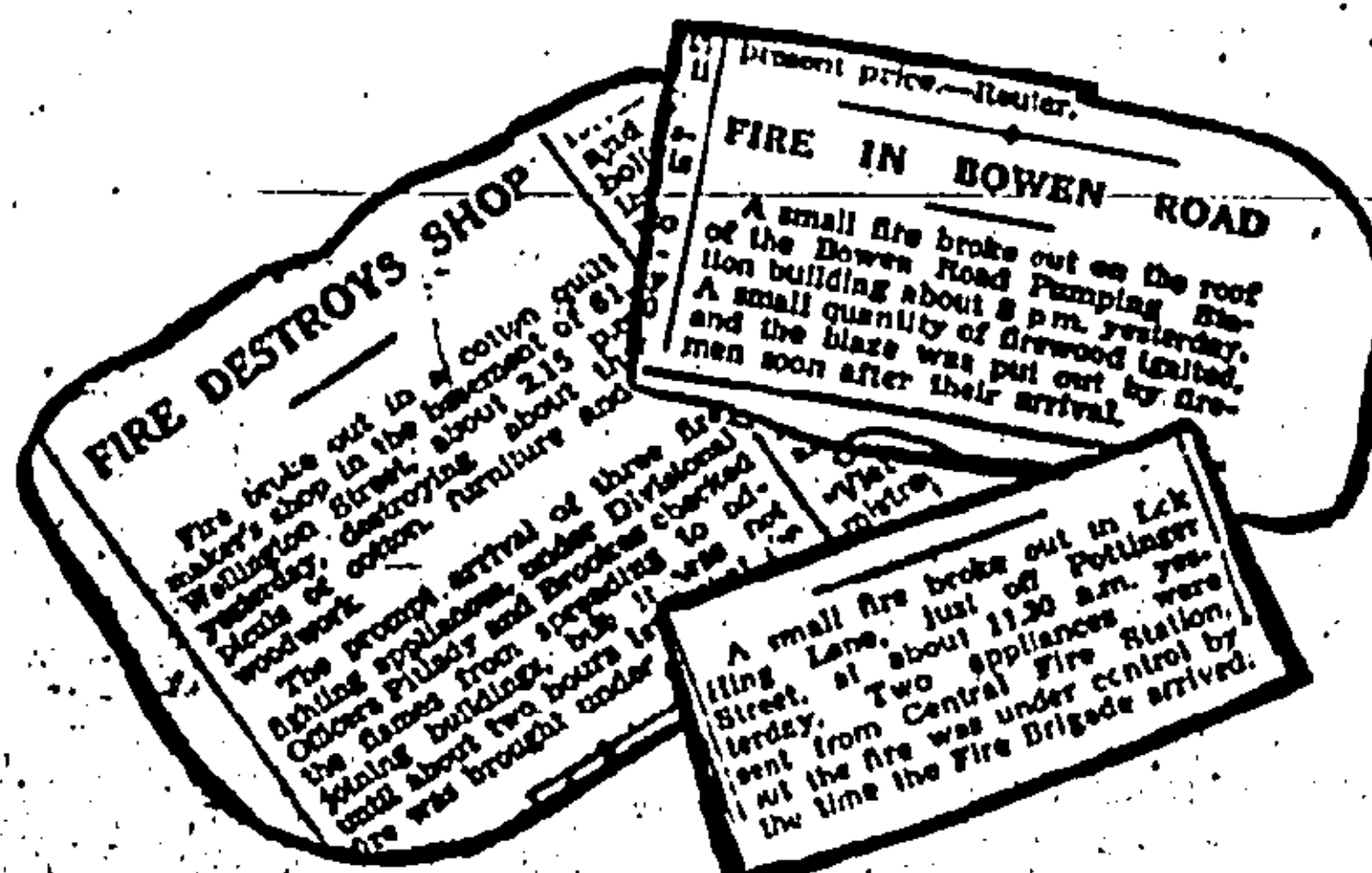
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# CHINA'S CIVIL WAR

## Important Successes Claimed

### Nationalist Bid To Capture Loyang

## SCOTTISH FLOODS RECEDING

London, August 15. Army reconnaissance teams were today touring the desolate flood areas of South East Scotland in preparation for military relief measures to help restore communications and services to this stricken border area. Up in the hills above Eyemouth, special constables patrolled the railway embankment which alone holds back millions of gallons of water dammed up into a huge lake. Linesmen also were standing by to send warning messages to the nearby villages which would be in the path of the waters in the event of a break. Large numbers of railwaymen were working on the embankment at Ayr where the last stretch of water extending over a mile has receded substantially and the immediate danger of a break through has passed. The floods are receding in other parts although many villages are without water through pollution of reservoirs.—Associated Press.

## OPEN LICENCES

London, August 15. The Board of Trade have granted an open general licence for the import of Indian hemp of the variety Crotalaria Juncea, dressed or undressed from any country. It was announced today. The open general licence will take effect tomorrow.—Reuter.

Istanbul, August 15. A three months' course in anti-aircraft artillery has just been completed by 200 girl university students who have studied and worked with Turkish military units.—Reuter.

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Shanghai, August 15. The Nationalist drive against Loyang in North Western Honan took on added speed today following the success of the Government forces in smashing through the Communist's newly-erected fortified line south of the strategic Lunghai railway centre, according to pro-Government press despatches.

The penetration was made at Ichwan, 20 miles south of Loyang, from where the Communist garrison was driven after violent fighting.

With the Red armies massing around Loyang for a major stand, General Liu Shih, Command-in-Chief East China, and General Hu Chung-nan, Commander-in-Chief Shensi, who are jointly directing the offensive, are said to have ordered a four-pronged advance on the stronghold from the East, South and West in order to split up the Communist strength.

Since their capture of the city several months ago, the Communists have converted it into an important transit centre for troops and supplies moving between south Shansi and Honan and seemed determined to hold it until the very last.

Meanwhile, on the border of south Shansi and north Kiangsu, powerful Government units have begun their northward push designed to relieve the Red pressure against Tsinan, capital of Shantung.

Nationalist columns moving up the Tientsin-Pukow railway are said to have already reached Tenghsien, 40 miles south-east of

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## Decide Not To Go Home

London, August 15. Some of the Olympic athletes from Eastern European lands, finding the atmosphere of political freedom in Britain so unlike their own, decided today not to go home. At least two Hungarians and two Czechs have made arrangements to remain in Britain, and leaders of some of the Olympic delegations said that more were thinking about staying here, now that they are outside the closely guarded borders of their homelands.

Several Yugoslavs and Poles, it was known, have made inquiries about the possibility of remaining here or going on to Canada and the United States. The British Government's Home Office kept its Allens Department open today, but there was no announcement of the number of applications for registration that had been received or approved. Indications were that officials were observing the British tradition of giving asylum to political refugees who asked for it.

Few of the athletes of Eastern Europe had ever been in Britain before and few have any personal connections with Western lands. But the thought of staying here occurred to some. One Czech competitor said there was much secret scheming among the visitors, and that leaders responsible for supervising the conduct of the groups were much disturbed by it. Some athletes said their relationship with other teams and British people were observed carefully.—Associated Press.

## CHINA'S M-AID

Washington, August 15. China received \$3,805,730 under the latest allocation of Marshall aid by the Economic Cooperation Administration, it was announced today. The total allocations amounted to \$104,841,449.—Reuter.

New York, August 15. Babe Ruth, baseball's ailing hero, was reported today to have improved after passing his most restful night for 10 days.—Associated Press.

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## CRIPPS DENOUNCES THE BLIMPS

London, August 15. Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, today denounced "blimp-like reactionaries" when he addressed a mass meeting here of 4,000 Indians celebrating the first anniversary of their independence from British rule.

There was today in Britain almost an universal feeling of goodwill towards India—with a few regrettable exceptions, Sir Stafford added.

"A few dyed in the wool blimp-like reactionaries still look back with nostalgic regret to the earlier epochs of British imperialism, failing to appreciate or wilfully closing their eyes to the fact that civilisation has advanced and that the concepts of a century ago are certainly not applicable to the circumstances of today."

Lord Louis Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India and until last June the first Governor-General of the new Dominion, also addressed the gathering, which was dominated by a great portrait of the late Mahatma Gandhi.

## International Red Cross Conference

London, August 15. Lord Woolton, former Food Minister and Chairman of the Conservative Party, led a British delegation of the Red Cross which left Northolt Airport today for Stockholm to attend the International Red Cross Conference there.

"We are going to the general conference of the largest and most widespread organisation in the world for dealing with the stress of war," he said on his departure.

One of the main objects of the Conference is to revive and bring up to date the Geneva Convention which will be passed on to Governmental level for the approval of the Governments of the 64 countries attending the Conference.

Great Britain will have a very powerful delegation there. Lady Woolton accompanied her husband, and delegates from Canada, India, Australia and South Africa travelled in the plane.—Reuter.

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THE PERPET  
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# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1948.

**ABDULLA**  
NUMBER SEVEN  
"7"  
In PACKETS or TINS

## Morris Scores 196, Australia 380-8

Konnington Oval, August 16.  
The Australian cricketers, continuing their first innings today in the fifth and last Test here, after dismissing England for 52 runs on Saturday, carried their score to 243 runs for four wickets at lunch time.

England's plight in the match became even worse when they had to take the field today without Watkins, who was feeling the effects of the knock he received from a Lindwall bumper on Saturday.

Watkins had already visited an eye specialist twice and he was due to go again after lunch for treatment, which might make him fit to play in England's second innings.

The new ball carried little danger and the nearest approach England came to taking a wicket in early over, occurred when Edrich, deceived Morris with a slower ball. The Australian played a shade too soon and the ball went into the air but just too wide for Edrich at short-leg.

**Crowd Resigned**  
Otherwise nothing disturbed the batting serenity on the easy paced pitch and the crowd resigned themselves to another huge Australian total.

Although Hedder made the ball give either way, Morris was not worried. With sparkling cover drives off Edrich, Morris reached 97, and when Edrich went on at 155, he made a stroke for three, which carried him to his second successive T. century and his third of the series.

## Lawn Bowls Programme

Games in the Quarter Finals of the Lawn Bowls Open Rinks Championship will be played off on Sunday at 4.30 p.m. The draw, made yesterday, follows:

**At K.B.G.C.**  
A.S. Fleming, J.S. Joyce, L.W. Bruce and W.C. Higgs (31191) v. A.A. Razack, J. Bradley, V. Hong Sing and J.S. Landolt (32066) v. P.M.N. de Silva, F.X. Soares, J.A. da Luz and R.F. da Luz (28035).

**At K.C.C.**  
A. McInnes, W. Gaffney, C.R. Logan and W.D. McMaster (58051) v. E.F. Pope, E.A. Atkins, G.E.F. Thompson and L. Sykes (59786).

**At K.D.C.**  
I.M. Omar, A.M. Omar, K.M. Omar and U.M. Omar (33505) v. G. Souza, A.H. Rumlajn, A.J. Coelho and M.J. Medina (26665).

**At C.C.C.**  
A.F. Noronha, C.E. Marques, A.P. Gutierrez and J.E. Noronha (32283) v. M.B. Hassan, M.Y. Adal, S. Yusuf and U.A. Rumlajn (28001).

Following is the programme of next week's Open Singles games:  
Tuesday, August 24  
A.R. Minu (28001) v. S. Yusuf (28001) at K.D.C.  
C.S. Rossetti (25538) v. L.A. Gutierrez (34152) at K.B.G.C.  
U.M. Omar (33505) v. R.F. da Luz (28035) at K.D.C.  
E.M. Alarcon (28016) v. T.A. Madur (25667) at C.C.C.  
I. Kitchell (30342) v. L. Sykes (59786) or J.E. Hynward (32002) at K.B.G.C.

**Wednesday, August 25**  
A.S. Fleming (31191) v. K.M. Omar (28001) at K.D.C.  
M.B. Hassan (26665) v. R. Rumlajn (31712) at K.B.G.C.  
Francis Lee (21070) v. G.E. Willerton (31122 Ext. 13) at K.C.C.

**Thursday, August 26**  
F.X.M. da Silva (20578) v. J.E. Noronha (32283) at K.D.C.  
A.A. Lopes (30203) v. L.G. Coombes (58011) at K.C.C.  
A.E. Coates (20655) v. A.J. Coelho (27818) at K.B.G.C.  
W.C. Ogley (28151) v. U.A. Rumlajn (28001) at K.D.C.  
J.W.M. Dickson (32802) v. P.M.N. da Silva (31891) at C.C.C.

## TEA-TIME SCOREBOARD

England: 1st innings 52  
Australia: 1st innings—lunch scores—213 for four.

Barnes, c. Evans, b. Hollies 81  
Morris, not out 134  
Bradman, b. Hollies 134  
Hassett, lbw, b. Young 37  
Miller, stumped Evans, b. Hollies 5  
Harvey, not out 6  
Extras 1

Total (for four) 243  
Australia: 380 for eight.  
Barnes, c. Evans, b. Hollies 81  
Morris, not out 134  
Bradman, b. Hollies 134  
Hassett, lbw, b. Young 37  
Miller, stumped Evans, b. Hollies 5  
Harvey, c. Young, b. Hollies 17  
Loxton, c. Evans, b. Edrich 15  
Lindwall, c. Edrich, b. Young 25  
Tallon, not out 6  
King, not out 6  
Extras 1

Total (for 8) 380  
—Reuter.

## Interport Bowlers Practice

The Interport lawn bowlers selected to go up to Shanghai at the beginning of next month had a practice game at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday assisted by two other bowlers.

They were E. Greenwood of the Bowling Green Club and A.M. Omar of Craigentower C.C. In a game which produced a very good standard of bowls, E. Greenwood, T.A. Madur, A.M. Omar and L. Sykes (skip) beat J.S. Landolt, W. Hong Sing, C.S. Rossetti and R.F. da Luz (skip) by 23-14.

Another practice game will be held on Monday August 23 at the Kowloon C.C. commencing at 5.15 p.m.

## Tennis League

Playing at home, Club de Recreio "A" beat the H.K. University by 7½ sets to 1½ sets in the "B" Division of the Tennis League.

**Scores:**  
A.M. Alves and G.M. Gozomo (Recreio) beat F.S. Lam and C.H. Ip 6-4; lost to D. Lo and N. Lo 2-6; beat E. Ho and T. Lo 6-3.  
C.A. Barretto and P.A. Noronha (Recreio) beat Lam and Ip 6-4; beat Lo and Lo 6-4; beat Ho and Lo 6-3.  
A.E. Noronha and G.A. Noronha (Recreio) drew with Lam and Ip 6-6; beat Lo and Lo 6-2; beat Ho and Lo 6-1.

## DEEP WATER BAY GOLF

The Ladies Section golf medal for July was won by Mrs. Lissaman at Deep Water Bay with a score of 82-23-59.

The Shanghai Foursomes, postponed due to the typhoon on July 27, was played at Deep Water Bay last Tuesday.

The winners were Mrs. Margaret and Mrs. Hogg with a score of 78-14-64. The prizes were donated by Mrs. Piercy and Mrs. Robertson.

There will be an Electric Competition at Deep Water Bay on Ladies Day, Thursday August 19. This will be an all day competition. A large attendance is expected.

A Boys' Competition has also been arranged for Tuesday, September 7. Players may choose their own partners. It is unable to find partners. Players should sign list at Deep Water Bay.

Prize has been donated by Mrs. H. H. Hogg.

## Brooklyn Gain On Boston Braves

New York, August 15.  
Challenging Brooklyn gained a full game on the National League leading Boston Braves, sparked by Dodger centre fielder Duke Snider. The Braves threatened several times but failed to hit when it counted.

The Dodgers won 4-2. Third place Saint Louis took the opener of a doubleheader with Pittsburgh 8-3, but lost the second game 4-5.

The Cardinals won the first game in the last two innings with five runs. In the second game they overcame a 3-0 deficit in the fifth inning but the Pirates scored two more in their half.

Philadelphia took two games from New York, 8-1 and 7-5. Pitcher Kenny Helmsman missed no-hitter in the opener because of centrefielder Whitey Lockman's seventh inning triple.

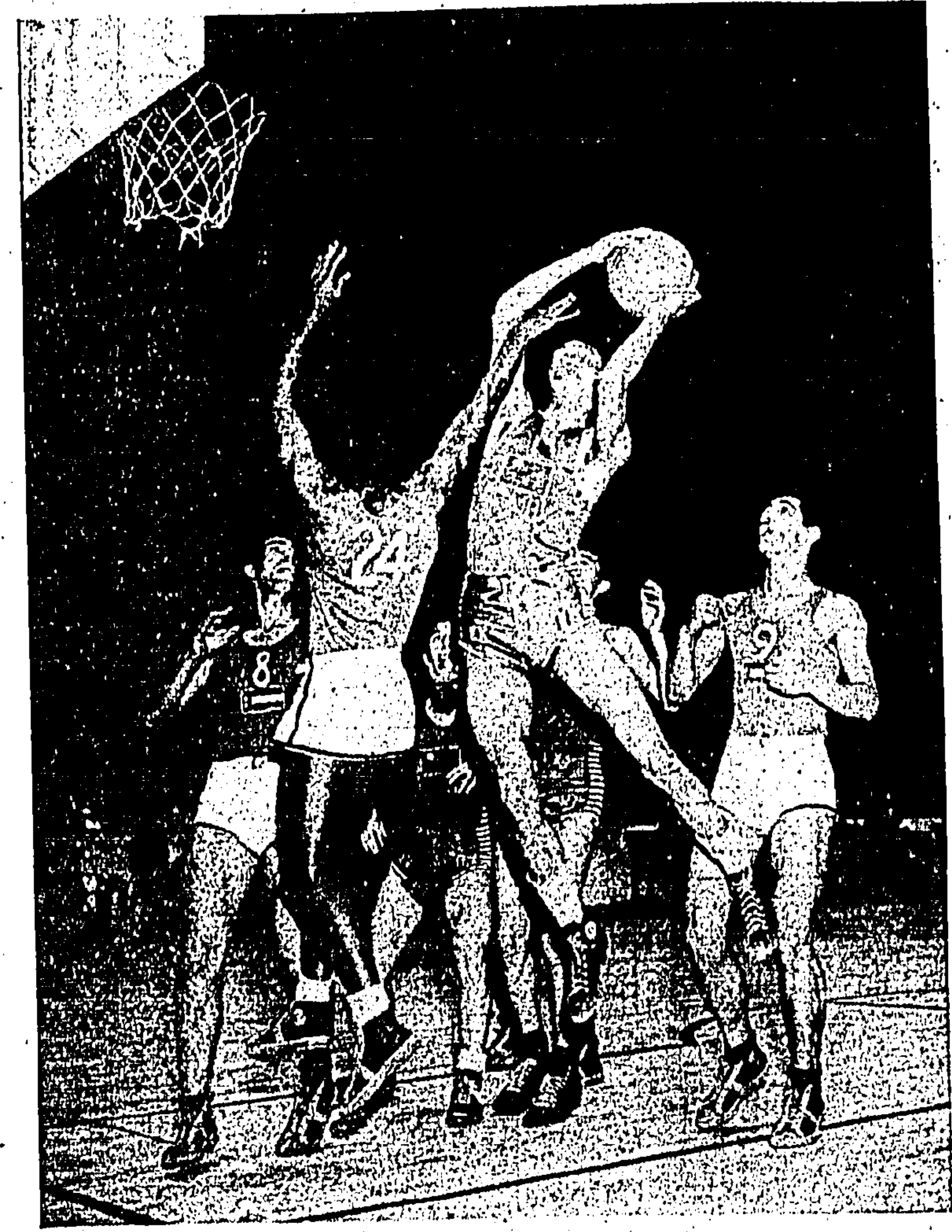
Cincinnati and Chicago split their doubleheader at Cincinnati. The Reds lost the opener 6-7 but took the second game 5-0. Ken Raffentberger blanked the Cubs.

In the American League, Cleveland, continuing to use the Chicago White Sox, as stepping stones, tightened their grip on first place. After winning twice over the White Sox, 6-2 and 5-0, they were a game and a half in the League lead.

Philadelphia moved past Boston into second place by winning twice from the New York Yankees, 6-3, 6-3.

Four singles enabled the Athletics to win the opener in overtime. Catcher Mickey Guerra slammed a bases-loaded triple in a four-run second inning rally that spelled victory in the second game.

**Red Sox Come Back**  
Boston and Washington came out with a doubleheader win at Washington, 10-0.



CHINA'S JOHN Pao takes the ball from a rebound and scores for China during the first half of the Olympic match against Iraq. China recorded the highest score in its section of the competition in winning by 128 points to 25.—A.P. Photo.

## CRICKET RECRUITS WANTED URGENTLY

London, August 15.  
England's poor showing in the fifth and final Test now being played at the Oval is deepening the gloomy effect of the MCC statement recently which proposed to curtail tours abroad and generally took a rather pessimistic view of the state of the English game.

While the MCC made some sound points in support of their case for fewer winter trips, many cricket lovers would have been heartened had the statement contained concrete proposals for obtaining more suitable recruits to first class cricket, the essential first step to restoring the standard of the game.

The MCC rightly point out that financial inducements in other employment deter would-be recruits from taking up first class cricket as a profession. But this has been the case for a good many years.

A vast number of potential recruits from public and secondary school, who have had the advantage of a fairly good standard of school cricket, but who lack the means to play as amateurs, inevitably decided against a professional career, with all its uncertainties.

Cricket has never enjoyed better public support, and despite high expenses, it should be possible to offer more attractive terms to many young county professionals.

**To Find Talent**  
Undoubtedly, too, much more could be done in England as a whole to find and develop talent. Australia has provided an object lesson for years, with the system of "grade" cricket, in giving the up and coming man the chance to play in a gradually improving standard.

Moreover, the youngest schoolboys in most Australian districts can play on true pitches, even should they be matting, on which he can learn to make strokes with confidence, and as a bowler

realises that he must do something positive with the ball if he is to gain wickets.

So many English youngsters are ruined as cricketers in their earliest days by playing on impossible "pitches" on park and waste land, with nobody to correct the faults which they inevitably develop.—Reuter.

**REMAINED IN CUSTODY**  
A further remand in police custody for a week was granted when Chan Chung-yun came before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Chan, who will be defended by Mr. C.A. Bittington, was charged with rape and possession of a revolver, and 14 rounds of ammunition.

## Hawker Was Not Keeper

Yip-Ching, 22-year-old hawker and one of the 15 smokers arrested in an opium dvan at 972 Canton Road, second floor, on August 12, was fined \$25 when he was brought before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

When Yip was charged on Friday he told the court that he was an unlicensed hawker of fresh food. The magistrate ordered his bond of \$100 to be cancelled and for him to be detained in custody for investigations to be made.

Sub-inspector J. H. Evans said yesterday that the police was satisfied with accused's claims to be an unlicensed hawker and that he went to the dvan to smoke opium. He was not the keeper.

Mak Yiu, who was also remanded for three days on Friday on charge of keeping an opium dvan and possession of two maces prepared opium at the same address, was fined a total of \$350 or two and a half months' hard labour.

Since defendant was remanded, the police made inquiries into her claim that the heroin pipe and opium pipe found in her possession at 101 Tai Nam Street, first floor, were for her mother's use, said S.I. Evans when Lau Wai-kuen, 24-year-old, married woman, was brought before Mr. Wicks yesterday.

Defendant was fined \$100, or four weeks' hard labour, on the charge of keeping an opium dvan, and cautioned on the count of possession of the pipes.

**Burglar (Widow) Gaoled**  
Convicted on two counts of burglary, Kwan Lal-ha, 30-year-old widow with three previous convictions, was sentenced to a total of 18 months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Accused was charged with burglary at 4 Chatham Road, third floor, and stealing from Captain De Carlo at 9.15 p.m. on August 7, a wrist watch, a gold bangle, and a silver bracelet set with three small semi-precious stones, to the total value of \$520.

She was also accused of having entered Major Bailey's flat at 4 Chatham Road, second floor, at 10 p.m., the same night, and stealing a wrist watch, a fountain pen, and a propelling pencil, valued at \$382.

She was cautioned on the third charge of larceny of a fountain pen and a propelling pencil from No. 7 Flat, Gun Club Hill Married Quarters, occupied by Mr. Arthur Bailey, at 9.15 p.m. that night.

Detective Sub-inspector W. B. Hing appeared for the prosecution.

## Russia, Japan And Germany May Compete In 1952

London, August 15.  
The major absentees of the 1948 Olympic Games—Russia, Japan and Germany—may possibly compete in the 1952 Games at Helsinki, Mr. Avery Brundage, Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee said today.

With Russia, it is a question of joining the various International Amateur Federations that make up the Olympic family. With Japan and Germany, regular governments must be set up and an invitation extended by the Olympic organising committee.

"The general sentiment seems to be that Germany and Japan will be taken back as soon as things are regularised," said Mr. Brundage, who is also an International Olympic Vice President.

"Russia is already in the International Amateur Athletic Federation (track and field), but I don't know what the Soviets have in mind."

Russian observers attended both the Winter Games in St. Moritz and the main Games that ended here on Saturday with brilliant pageantry.

Although the presence of athletes from these three Powers would have had a powerful effect on the Games, they were a tremendous success without them—a far greater success than the British dared think possible.

About 1,500,000 spectators saw the far flung competition that stretched from July 29 until Saturday, paying approximately \$500,000, a new high record. The United States dominated

these Games as it has rarely dominated previous ones, winning a total of 38 firsts, including 11 in major sport track and all eight in men's swimming.

Despite the monotonous star spangled parade, British crowds cheered loudly for the winners regardless of nationalities. In event, although the best England got out of the entire Games was three firsts.

The conservative Sunday Times of London summed up editorially today.

"The Olympic flame is quenched but not the spirit that forms the Games."

"We grudge the American none of their victories, they produce clean splendid sportmen whose success has been a triumph of native ability and intensive training."

The Times referred to the 'disqualification of the American 400 metre relay team after winning easily and its later reinstatement when films proved a supposed faulty film exchange was legal."

**JAPS IN WORLD SWIMMING SOON**  
Paris, August 16.  
Japan soon may be coming back into world swimming competition. There may be more trouble getting the Germans back to the show time of water racing. It is a fact that is no immediate prospect the Germans can be reinstated because it now would take a four-power agreement, including assent from Russia in the torn up post-war political field.

Apparently all Japanese has to do is go through simple formalities that may be engineered by the dominant occupying powers in Japan.

The Japanese are the more potent threat to the rest of the world in swimming because they led Olympic competition in the immediate pre-war era, winning most of the races in the 1932 games at Los Angeles and the 1936 Berlin games.

These are the opinions of Max Richter, of Philadelphia, Secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Union, one of the founders in 1908 of the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA).

The Japanese, with son world record breakers on their hands, have applied for re-admission in FINA, ruling body of the Olympic swimming record. The Germans have not yet come along because they lack a governing body in the post-war period for water sports.

**Enemy Status**  
Japan's application is now in abeyance by FINA, after so deliberation, because of the feared enemy status of the country. FINA decided at the Olympic meeting in London, Japan must first, with the aid of the occupying powers, reform its Olympic committee and come along through outline Olympic channels for admittance into the world of swimming.

Japan was one of the proud Olympic members in the pre-war days and since the 1932 Olympic probably the most successful member in competition and record making. There is no bar so far as FINA is concerned Japanese re-admission.

Meantime, none of the world record times reported by Japanese in a "consolidated Olympic" and elsewhere, Japan can be recognised, according to Richter.

One of FINA's notes at the Olympic meeting in London on Saturday was recognition of the Olympic and world record of eight minutes 46 seconds in the winning United States 400 metre relay team at the Wembley poolhouse.

**Approvals**  
In London, FINA also routine approval to the Olympic record in male competition, Wembley for the 100 and 200 metre free style respectively. Wally Pils, University of Iowa, and Hawaiian Bill Smith of Oahu State University, and the 400 metre breast relay by J. Veleur of Philadelphia.

The stamp of approval was given by FINA to the new women's Olympic records by Ann C. Little of San Francisco, in the metre free style, American in the 400 metre breast relay by Holland's Nol van Vliet in breast stroke, and Karen Holm of Denmark in the women's breast stroke.

The American water champs will tour France, and Americaners this week before flying for London and the Associated Press.